

Town of Uxbridge Conservation Commission 21 South Main Street Uxbridge, MA 01569 508-278-8600 x 2020



Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes Monday, May 16, 2016 Board of Selectmen Meeting Room, Uxbridge Town Hall Received by Uxbridge Town Clerk

Please note some items may have been taken out of agenda order.

Present: Chairman Patrick Hannon, Treasurer/Vice Chair Jim Hogan, Members Russell Holden, Lauren Steele, Dale

Bangma and Melissa Dillon-Conservation Administrator

Absent: Secretary Jeff Shaw

It being 6:30 pm, the meeting being properly posted, duly called and a guorum being present, the meeting was called to order by the Chair.

**MOTION: I, Mr. Hogan, move that we take Discussion on Pout Pond out of order and to be heard first. Seconded by Mr. Bangma, the motion carried 5-0-0.

Discussion: Mr. Hannon attended a Pout Pond Recreation Committee (PPRC) meeting last week and found that Conservation needs to step in to help PPRC. Some work is needed on the Snack Shack to make it more functional. It was the general consensus that the cottage will probably need to come down as it is rotting and has several code issues that would be difficult to fix. Some other items that were brought up is benches put up around the pond, fixing up the bathrooms, fixing the windows in the snack shack, fixing the hole in the wall where the cable went in, trash pick-up, lawn maintenance, swimming rope floats, beach attendants, wood chips, and the job description of the work campers. A list of projects should be compiled for local Scouts to complete or companies to donate/adopt. Conservation will begin water testing next week. Mr. Holden received one of the recycling containers for monofilament line and would like to donate it to Pout Pond.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Notice of Intent (NOI), DEP #312-10XX, 70 Richardson Street (Map 29, Parcel 1355)

Applicant: TTK Real Estate, LLC

Representative: Andrews Survey & Engineering Project Description: Proposed 15 lot Residential Subdivision with associated grading, drainage, and utilities that

has portions within the Buffer Zone of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands.

Discussion: Mr. O'Connell is not positive that abutters have been notified as the green cards could not be found before the meeting. Mr. Hannon requests that the limit of clearing and houses be marked out. A continuation is requested.

o MOTION: I, Mr. Holden, move that we continue the Public Hearing until the next regularly

scheduled meeting. Seconded by Mr. Hogan, the motion carried 5-0-0.

2. Notice of Intent (NOI), DEP #312-1013, 255 Chocolog Road-Cobbler's Knoll (Map 39, Parcel 4254)

Applicant: FIKOW, LLC

Representative: Andrews Survey & Engineering

Project Description: Construction of 52 single-family residential building lots and associated grading within the Buffer Zone of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands.

- Discussion: The representative would like to continue until the next regularly scheduled meeting in order to procure new plans.
- MOTION: I, Mr. Holden, move that we continue the Public Hearing until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Seconded by Mr. Hogan, the motion carried 5-0-0.
- 3. Notice of Intent (NOI), DEP #312-100X, 68 Henry Street (Map 20, Parcel 2517)

Representative: Andrews Survey & Engineering Applicant: Countryside Associates, LLC Project Description: Construction of 12 townhouses with associated paving, landscaping, utilities, and earthwork within the 200' Riverfront Buffer Zone

- Discussion: Mr. O'Connell requests a continuance in order to wait for a DEP file number.
- MOTION: I, Mr. Holden, move that we continue the Public Hearing until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Seconded by Mr. Hogan, the motion carried 5-0-0.

WETLAND UPDATES/ISSUES

- 1. Interstate Reliability Project
 - Discussion: Ms. Curtis, on behalf of BSC Group, provides a brief overview of what happened and what will be done moving forward. During significant rain storms during rehabilitation the site was needed to be re-stabilized as it became flooded while stones were removed. Loose sediment now covers the leaf cover and it will be handpicked and cleared out.
 - MOTION: I, Mr. Hogan, move that we approve the plan as stated. Seconded by Mr. Bangma, the motion carried 5-0-0.

REPORTED/ONGOING VIOLATIONS

- 1. 32 Church Street
 - Discussion: Mr. Shaw and Ms. Steele had driven by and found that wetlands are being filled in. The Commission would like to send a 'friendly potential violation letter' out to all of the addresses listed in Mr. Shaw's report.
- 2. 142 South Street
 - Discussion: Restoration Plan due May 25. Mr. Hannon observed dumping at the property while driving by and took pictures of a Rhode Island Dump Truck dumping yard waste.
- 3. South Street-Jeeps
 - o Discussion: Mr. Hannon observed Jeeps heading to South Street and observed mudding and told the participants that they cannot drive on the right side of the street because it's priority habitat. Mr. Hannon was told that it was a recreational activity and exempt-which the Commission does not agree on. The Commission discussed sending a letter reminding the owners that a portion of their property lies within Priority Habitat.
- 4. 350 & 410 North Main Street
 - o Discussion: A NOI will be submitted for the demolition and restoration on the properties.
- 5. Flagg RV
 - Discussion: Mr. Hannon, Mr. Bangma, and Ms. Dillon attended the DEP site visit. Flagg was told that they need to get the site under compliance. Eric Bazzett, the engineer on the project, advised DEP and the Commission that there was a solution to the Stormwater issue. Flagg has filed to remove the dam with Dam Safety
- 6. 9 Balm of Life Spring Road
 - o Discussion: The Commission will wait until the deadlines approach.
- 7. Planet Fast Pitch
 - **Mr. Bangma recused himself**
 - Discussion: Mr. Hannon saw an excavator had been delivered and drove directly over the erosion controls instead of opening the gate. The engineers on the project called the office to say that they were going to head over to the project to fix the erosion controls.
 - MOTION: I, Mr. Hogan, move that we issue an Enforcement Order at 135 Ironstone Road to fix the
 erosion controls, place a DEP # sign, Order of Conditions is to be on site, and the Commission is
 to be notified when work is to start after a successful inspection. Seconded by Mr. Holden, the
 motion carried 4-0-0.
 - **Mr. Bangma rejoined the meeting**

PROCESSING

- 1. Endorse Meeting Minutes 5/2
 - MOTION: I, Mr. Hogan, move that we approve the minutes for 4/19 as written. Seconded by Mr. Bangma, the motion carried 5-0-0.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH MAY LAWFULLY COME BEFORE THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

- 1. Wetland Bylaw Review and Discussion
 - Discussion: Commissioners will review the bylaw that was sent out and come to the next meeting with comments.
- 2. Open Space & Recreation Plan/Committee
 - o Discussion: Mr. Hannon will attend the next BOS meeting to ask to form a new Committee. Ms. Steele expressed her interest in attending or being part of the new Committee.
- 3. Yearly Re-Organization
 - o Discussion: Will be pushed to next meeting for complete Commission.

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- 4. 100 Stanphyl Road
 - o Discussion: Inspection is needed
- 5. 370 Elmwood
 - Discussion: Mr. Gallo would like to close out the violation since all the trees are planted. Mr. Hannon and Mr. Holden believe that there may have to be a 6-month restriction before the violation can be closed out after all trees have been planted.

ADJOURNMENT-NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY MAY 16, 2016

At approximately 7:40pm the meeting was adjourned.

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Patrick Hannon, Chairman

Jim Hogan, Vice Chair/Treasurer

Jeffrey Shaw, Clerk

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Respectfully submitted, Melissa Dillon

Date

Russell Holden, Member

Lauren Steele, Member

Dale Bangma, Member