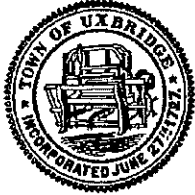
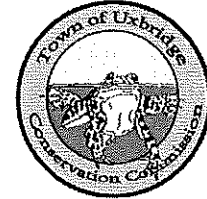


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Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 18, 2016
Lower Town Hall, Uxbridge Town Hall

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

Present: Chairman Patrick Hannon, Secretary Jeff Shaw, Members Lauren Steele, Russ Holden, Dale Bangma & Andrew Gorman and Melissa Dillon-Conservation Administrator

Absent: Treasurer/Vice Chair Jim Hogan

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Notice of Intent (NOI)**, 350 North Main Street (Map 12D, Parcel 1174)
Applicant: Dokkum Realty, Inc. Representative: Heritage Design Group
Project Description: Demolition of two existing structures and foundation with regrading using compacted gravel within the Riverfront
 - o Discussion: Representative would like to continue until next meeting due to an illness.
 - o **MOTION: I, Mr. Bangma, move that we continue the Public Hearing until the next scheduled meeting. Seconded by Mr. Gorman, the motion carried 6-0-0.**

2. **Notice of Intent (NOI)**, 410 & 350 North Main Street (Map 12D, Parcels 1174 & 0281)
Applicant: Dokkum Realty Representative: Heritage Design Group
Project Description: Removal of debris and fill from Buffer Zone and Riverfront Area to restore the resource areas and associated buffers
 - o Discussion: Representative would like to continue until next meeting due to an illness.
 - o **MOTION: I, Mr. Bangma, move that we continue the Public Hearing until the next scheduled meeting. Seconded by Mr. Shaw, the motion carried 6-0-0.**

- **Mr. Bangma recused himself from the meeting***

3. **Notice of Intent (NOI)**, 748 West Street (Map 37, Parcel APO 4382)
Applicant: Keith Bangma-Quarry Hill Development Representative: Andrews Survey & Engineering
Project Description: Construction of a single family home with associated septic system, utilities, earthwork, and landscaping within the Buffer Zone to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland
 - o Discussion: Mr. O'Connell, on behalf of the applicant, explains the project and background of the parcel. It is a previously approved subdivision which has now been withdrawn. The back of the property will be an Open Space in perpetuity between the gun clubs. All work is out of the 25' Buffer and most is out of 50' Buffer. Work is within endangered species and have not heard from Natural Heritage. There is a cemetery on the property with an easement on the abutting property. A site visit is set for Thursday, July 28th at 6pm.
 - o **MOTION: I, Mr. Holden, move that we continue the Public Hearing until the next scheduled meeting. Seconded by Mr. Shaw, the motion carried 5-0-0.**

Mr. Bangma rejoined the meeting at 6:47pm

4. **Notice of Intent (NOI)**, 0 & 404 Douglas Street-Forest Glen Estates (Map 23, Parcels 3829, 4435 & 4793)
Applicant: Louis Desreisseau Representative: Andrews Survey & Engineering

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Project Description: Construction of 44 unit age-restricted residential development, including the construction of roads, drives, dwelling units, utilities, and grading

- Discussion: Mr. O'Connell, on behalf of the applicant, has not received a number as DEP is waiting on additional funds for each unit in the Buffer Zone. Site visit is set for July 28th after the site visit at 748 West Street. Judy Schmitz has a question on the hydrology report since the one submitted is for only for a 33 unit project and is wondering if a new report needs to be submitted.
- **MOTION: I, Mr. Holden, move that we continue the Public Hearing until the next scheduled meeting. Seconded by Mr. Shaw, the motion carried 6-0-0.**

5. Notice of Intent (NOI), DEP #312-1019, 424 Mendon Street (Map 14, Parcel 4215)

Applicant: SAJO Realty Nominee Trust

Representative: Andrews Survey & Engineering

Project Description: Construction of a ground mounted solar generating facility with associated grading within the Riverfront Area

- Discussion: Mr. O'Connell, on behalf of the applicant, explains that a DEP file number was issued with no comments. Mr. Hannon questions the amount of trees that needs to be removed and what would happen if none were removed (Mr. O'Connell responded with it would destroy the project). Mr. O'Connell states that revised plans will be coming to the Commission after the next round of peer review with the Planning Board. The guidance from DEP stated that solar panels are impervious, unconnected areas and stormwater calculations uses this data. Mr. Gorman asked for an inventory of trees that will be cut down and the Commission agrees to check them at the site visit on July 28th. Brian Wood, an abutter, expresses his interest in knowing the type of trees that will be cut down because of the differences in sizes of trees and glare from the panels (a Planning Board issue). Judy Schmitz, expresses that additional information should be forwarded to DEP and they may have revised comments.
- **MOTION: I, Mr. Holden, move that we continue the Public Hearing until the next scheduled meeting. Seconded by Mr. Shaw, the motion carried 6-0-0.**

6. Notice of Intent (NOI), DEP #312-1020, 429 Hazel Street (Map 29, Parcel 274)

Applicant: Margaret Racicot

Representative: Shea Engineering & Surveying, Inc

Project Description: Clearing, excavating, filling, grading, loaming and seeding consistent with installation of a replacement septic partially within the 100' Buffer Zone to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland

- Discussion: The representative gives a brief overview of the project and were previously just waiting on the DEP file number, which has now been issued.
- **MOTION: I, Mr. Shaw, move that we issue an Order of Conditions with the Uxbridge Standard Special Conditions. Seconded by Mr. Gorman, the motion carried 6-0-0.**

7. Notice of Intent (NOI), DEP #312-1016, 68 Henry Street (Map 20, Parcel 2517)

Applicant: Countryside Associates, LLC

Representative: Andrews Survey & Engineering

Project Description: Construction of 12 townhouses with associated paving, landscaping, utilities, and earthwork within the 200' Riverfront Buffer Zone

- Discussion: Mr. O'Connell, has no update to provide to the Commission from Natural Heritage and asks for a continuance.
- **MOTION: I, Mr. Shaw, move that we continue the Public Hearing until the next scheduled meeting. Seconded by Mr. Holden, the motion carried 6-0-0.**

8. Notice of Intent (NOI), DEP #312-1017, 70 Richardson Street (Map 29, Parcel APO 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 a Bordering Vegetated Wetland

- Discussion: Mr. O'Connell, on behalf of the applicant, has revised plans that has the basins that will be used for the full build-out. The Commission questions the other resource areas on the property and the location of the basins on the new plans. Basins are in spaces as seen on the site visit and cannot be place further from the resource as it would then push the road onto fill. Mr. O'Connell believes that there is enough of a barrier to prevent any impact to the Coldwater Fishery. The current TSS removal is currently 80%. Judy Schmitz, advises that the Coldwater Fishery comment comes from the Stormwater handbook which is more of a guidance versus law and is at the discretion of the Commission to decide on. Mr. O'Connell, in response to a question of immense disturbance of the lot, responds that the houses are placed on the plan for the benefit of the Commission and are not required. The stormwater calculations have been done including those houses and lots being built and the change of vegetative cover. The Commission questioned whether the WPA language referring to "near or

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to” a coldwater fishery applied to the stormwater structure on the plans. The Commission requests that Graves look in to whether or not the fishery TSS removal standards apply.

- **MOTION: I, Mr. Holden, move that we continue the Public Hearing and in order to gain Graves Engineering input on the coldwater fishery. Seconded by Ms. Steele, the motion carried 6-0-0.**

WETLAND UPDATES/ISSUES

1. Request for CoC-DEP #312-775, 107 Old Millville Road
 - Discussion: The Commission did not find any issues at the site.
 - **MOTION: I, Mr. Holden, move that we issue a Certificate of Compliance. Seconded by Mr. Bangma, the motion carried 6-0-0.**
2. Request for CoC-DEP #312-992, 62 & 74 Commerce Drive
 - Discussion: There was some confusion about the snow fence and limit of work along the erosion control barriers. The snow fence will be taken out per the request of the Commission. Mr. Holden states that for the future the Commission should make sure that the erosion control barriers are the limit of work.
 - **MOTION: I, Mr. Holden, move that we issue a Certificate of Compliance with a condition that the snow fence will be removed. Seconded by Mr. Shaw, the motion carried 6-0-0.**
3. Request for CoC-DEP #312-991, 164 Providence Street
 - Discussion: Mr. Shanahan feels comfortable with posting a bond in order to get the Certificate of Compliance as straw will be added to the site to help vegetation grow. Mr. Holden reiterates that the Commission must be careful in approving plans where the limit of work is beyond the erosion controls.
 - **MOTION: I, Mr. Hogan, move that we issue a Certificate of Compliance with the condition that a \$5,000 cash bond be posted with the town pending a successful inspection from the Conservation Commission relating to the vegetation cover. Seconded by Mr. Shaw, the motion carried 6-0-0.**
4. Request for CoC-DEP #312-993, BJ's Cemetery Path
 - Discussion: A site visit was conducted and Commissioners Holden, Gorman, and Steele found erosion and sedimentation build up behind the silt fence at the top of the crosswalk. Vegetation must be extensively established and be stabilized before the Certificate of Compliance is issued.
 - **MOTION: I, Mr. Holden, move that we deny the Certificate of Compliance. Seconded by Mr. Gorman, the motion carried 6-0-0.**

REPORTED/ONGOING VIOLATIONS

1. 58 Rivulet Street
 - Discussion: No update from DEP or landowner.
2. 32 Church Street
 - Discussion: Owner has come in several times to announce that he will not be able to attend the meetings.
3. 142 South Street
 - Discussion: No update from DEP.
4. 9 Balm of Life Spring Road
 - Discussion: No update from DEP.

****The Commission took Pout Pond and Other Business out of order****

1. Pout Pond Improvements & Clean-up
 - Discussion: The Commission will submit an RDA for the electrical line running to the craft shed. Mr. Holden explains that the area is now mapped priority habitat on the new NHESP maps that have not been released. He also explains that in the area that grass is being mowed is where snakes like to sun themselves. Where the wood chips are located is where dragonflies used to use for habitat and reproduction and that overall the area is a sensitive area. Mr. Shaw explains that the grass has been historically mowed for 10+ years and it is a recreation area that needs to be maintained. Ms. Scott, Chairman of the PPRC, gives a brief overview of the mowing and sand and how Conservation has been attentive to the needs of the Pond.
2. Other Business
 - Erica Dickinson questions on how the rules of the meeting work and if Mr. Hannon recuses himself if discussion comes up about his business. The Commission explains that the Conservation Commission only has jurisdiction over wetlands, resource areas and associated buffer zones. They also explain that if someone has a financial hand or any connection in a project they recuse themselves. Mr. Shaw explains that if you have a complaint you should file it with the Administrative Assistant and it will be addressed at the next meeting.

PROCESSING

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1. Endorse Meeting Minutes 7/5
 - o Discussion: Commissioners found no issues with meeting minutes.
 - o **MOTION: I, Mr. Shaw, move that we approved the meeting minutes for June 20, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Gorman, the motion carried 5-0-1. Mr. Holden abstained.**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH MAY LAWFULLY COME BEFORE THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

1. Open Space & Recreation Plan/Committee
 - o Discussion: Mr. Gorman brings up that the triangular parcel on Church St that it may be a parcel that the Commission could possibly look at for acquisition. The office also received a call about the owner thinking of donating her parcel at 270 Hazel Street for Conservation land.
2. Hyde Park Circle
 - o Discussion: The engineer submitted a StreamStats report and additional information to prove that the stream in question flowing alongside Hyde Park is intermittent. Mr. Shaw saw that even though the town is in a drought watch the stream in question was flowing quite heavy. The only NOI that the admin found for Hyde Park was a denied application for improvements to the road. Mr. Gorman explains that an actual study of the stream was not done but instead a pinpoint was taken from StreamStats. Mr. Gorman will write up a letter to send to the engineer with all comments discussed about the StreamStats information.
3. 12 Douglas-Koopman's
 - o Mr. Koopman came to discuss with administrator about changes to the project that will be happening. Instead of replacement of the culvert there will just be fixing failed sections. The Commission agreed to have the new plan submitted and discussed at the next meeting to possibly have approved. The same dewatering plan that was approved will be used.
4. Wetland Bylaw Review and Discussion
 - o Discussion: Special meeting is set for August 29th to discuss only the bylaw.
 - o **MOTION: I, Mr. Gorman move that we scheduled a meeting for August 29th strictly for wetland bylaw review and discussion. Seconded by Mr. Shaw, the motion carried 5-0-0.**
5. Yearly Reorganization
 - o Discussion: Will pass over until next meeting.

MOTION: I, Mr. Gorman, move that we adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Steele, the motion carried 5-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT-NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY AUGUST 1, 2016

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Dillon



Patrick Hannon, Chairman


Jim Hogan, Vice Chair/Treasurer



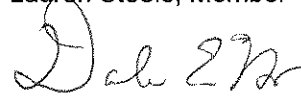
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Lauren Steele, Member



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Andrew Gorman, Member

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