

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



Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 17, 2016
Board of Selectman's Room, Uxbridge Town Hall

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

Present: Chairman Jim Hogan, Vice Chair Andrew Gorman, Treasurer Jeff Shaw, Clerk Lauren Steele, Members Patrick

Hannon & Russ Holden, Agent Melissa Dillon

Absent: Member Dale Bangma

It being 7:00 pm, the meeting being properly posted, duly called and a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by the Chair.

1. Notice of Intent (NOI), 430 Pond Street (Map 39, Parcel 499)

Applicant: David Cavazza

Representative: Land Planning, Inc.

Project Description: Replacement of cesspool with new septic system within the Buffer Zone to a BVW and 200' Riverfront Area.

- Discussion: Bill Helsing from Land Planning Engineering described the project. BOH asked for 1 revision to raise the septic. There will be no changes relative to the wetlands. Mr. Helsing indicated that revision should be complete by 10/18/2017 and will be provided to the Commission. The Commission did not have any issues with the project but cannot approve without a DEP #.
- o MOTION: I, Mr. Holden, move that we continue the Public Hearing for more information, including revised plans and DEP #, until the next scheduled meeting. Seconded by Mr. Hannon the motion carried 6-0-0.
- 2. Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA), Hyde Park Circle/Tea Party Drive (Map 29, Parcels 3053, 3099 & 3987)

Applicant: Fafard Real Estate

Representative: Goddard Consulting LLC

Project Description: Determination if regrading and clearing of land for Tea Party Circle is subject to the Wetlands

Protection Act

- Discussion: Ms. Dillon provided a summary of her work in regards to open order of conditions for Ledgemere, ACOs for Hyde Park drainage and COCs issued in the past and what is still open. It appears there are a couple superseding, out of jurisdiction, and 1 or 2 are still open. Ms. Steele expressed concern regarding the purpose of an old silt fence (prior erosion controls) the length of the steam on Hyde Park. Ms. Dillon and Mr. Hannon confirmed it's non jurisdictional areas so it's a non-issue.
- o MOTION: I, Mr. Hannon, move that we continue the Public Hearing until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Seconded by Mr. Gorman, the motion carried 6-0-0.
- 3. Notice of Intent (NOI), DEP #312-1025, 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

Discussion: Mark Anderson from Heritage Design Group reviewed the demolition portion of the plan. There will be 2 DEP file numbers. Proposal is to take buildings out and remove and recycle the materials and concrete. Mr. Anderson reviewed where erosion controls will go and described the plan to revegetate the area off the wetlands to create a permanent buffer zone. He also reviewed their plan to monitor the project. Mr. Hannon recommended only 1 person from Ecotec to do the monitoring and report to the conservation Commission. Mr. Anderson indicated that would not be a problem. The construction schedule is Nov 15 – Dec 31. Mr. Hannon recommended Ecotec be onsite and a representative from the Conservation Commission be notified while work is being done. Arthur Allen from Ecotec suggested weekly reports.

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- MOTION: I, Mr. Hannon, move that we approve #312-1025 with our standard order of conditions, standard special order of condition and the additional conditions that Ecotec is on-site when work is being performed and the Conservation Commission is advised of the weekly schedule and provided weekly reports from Ecotec. Seconded by Mr. Gorman the motion carried 6-0-0.
- 4. Notice of Intent (NOI), DEP #312-1023, 410 & 350 North Main Street (Map 12D, Parcels 1174 & 0281)

 Applicant: Dokkum Realty

 Project Description: Removal of debris and fill from Buffer Zone and Riverfront Area to restore the resource areas and associated buffers
 - Discussion: Mr. Anderson described the removal and disposal of material (freezer, concrete blocks, fencing, asphalt piles and various debris) ensured the Commission that no trees will come down. He indicated that this is where the restoration for the New England wetland mix will be used. He also indicated that areas exposed will be raked out and seeded right away and monitored for growth.
 - MOTION: I, Mr. Gorman, move to close the public hearing. Seconded by Mr. Shaw the motion carried 6-0-0.
 - MOTION: I, Mr. Hannon, move that we approve #312-1023 with our standard order of conditions, standard special order of conditions and the additional conditions that Ecotec is on-site when work is being performed, the Conservation Commission is advised of the weekly schedule and provided weekly reports from Ecotec and when they get to the bottom of the clean up the Conservation Agent is notified. Seconded by Mr. Shaw the motion carried 6-0-0.
- 5. Notice of Intent (NOI), DEP #312-1018, 0 Old Elmdale Road (Map 25, Parcel 3979)

Applicant: Aris Group, LLC

Representative: Andrews Survey & Engineering
Project Description: Construction of an access road to the site off an existing gravel road and earth removal within
Riverfront Area

- Discussion: The representative has formally asked for a continuance until 11/7/2016 to wrap up their site visit from the ZBA on 10/8/2016. Mr. Hannon provided a review of the project and the site visit. The Commission had a discussion about denying the application due to lack of information and whether fees could be waived if they reapply for the same project.
- MOTION: I, Mr. Gorman, move we deny #312-1018 for more information including but not limited to the alternatives analysis and the questions posed by Mass DEP on their comments for the project as it sits now being an incomplete application. Ms. Steele seconded and the motion carried 6-0-0.

WETLAND UPDATES/ISSUES

REPORTED/ONGOING VIOLATIONS

- 1. 429 Hazel St
 - Discussion: Ms. Dillon indicated there is a buyer for the property that wanted to ensure they can still mow the
 existing footprint which is pretty close up to the resource area. It was recommending that they bag clippings and
 not fertilize.
 - MOTION: I, Mr. Hannon, move provide a letter for 429 Hazel that states they have permission to mow the lawn in the existing footprint and not use any type fertilizer. Mr. Gorman seconded and motion carried 5-0-1 with an abstention by Mr. Holden.
- 2. 836 Aldrich Street
 - o Discussion: No change, still awaiting comments from the engineer.
- 3. 44 Depot Street
 - The contractor told Ms. Dillon that the work should be done next week. Mr. Hogan indicated that National Grid parking their trucks where the spot was cleared.
- 4. 32 Church Street
 - o Discussion: Ms. Dillon sent letter and received no response. The Commission agreed to remove item from agenda.
- 5. 142 South Street
 - Discussion: Mr. Gorman will provide links to maps and the group will discuss at next meeting.

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6. 9 Balm of Life Spring Road

o Discussion: Letter was sent back to Ms. Dillon, unclaimed and unable to be delivered. Ms. Dillon verified address with assessor and go back to check to see if taxes have been paid. Mr. Hannon summarized all the problems at the site and the concerns with BOH's response. He recommended a combined approach with Conservation, Board of Health and Building department coming together and devising a plan to get this property in compliance. Ms. Dillon has contacted BOH pics and request to move forward with no response. Mr. Hogan will further pursue with phone calls. All agree it needs to be a combined approach.

PROCESSING

ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH MAY LAWFULLY COME BEFORE THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

- 1. Open Space and Recreation Plan
 - Discussion: Ms. Steele recommended forming a subcommittee to work on this. There was a discussion on the
 necessity for an actual committee. The group decided to find interested people that can get a plan together and
 then move to formalize it into a committee.
- 2. **MOTION**: I, Mr. Hannon moved that Ms. Dillon be sworn in to have the ability to uphold the Wetlands Protection Act seconded by Mr. Shaw and the motion carried 5-0-1 with the exception of an abstention by Mr. Holden.
- 3. 95 Buffum Rd Home Construction
 - There is an extension on their order of conditions. A new issue has arose regarding putting in the electricity poles in that they need to remove approximately 8 trees, mostly new growth with some over the erosion control barrier towards the 25 ft. no touch and if this require the order to be amended? The group decided on a site visit and suggest that they look at underground electric lines to avoid the issue.

MOTION: I, Mr. Hannon move that we adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Shaw, the motion carried 6-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT—NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, November 7, 2016.

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Jeffrey Shaw, Treasurer	
November 7, 2016	

Respectfully submitted, Melissa Shelley

Date