

Town of Uxbridge
Conservation Commission
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Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 5, 2016
Board of Selectman's Room, Uxbridge Town Hall

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

Present: Chair Jim Hogan, Vice Chair Andrew Gorman, Clerk Lauren Steele, Members Russ Holden and Pat Hannon and Conservation Agent, Melissa Dillon

Absent: Treasurer Jeff Shaw, and Member Dale Bangma

It being 6:37 pm, the meeting being properly posted, duly called and a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by the Chair.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Waste Water Treatment Facility
 - o Marc Drainville, GHD, representing Uxbridge DPW Waste Water department, came before the commission to review related projects at the site and receive confirmation on proceeding with an NOI. There is a structure on the site that has been moved around and finally placed between a 50 and 100-foot wetland buffer. Mr. Drainville explained why that site was chosen. The commission agreed that the NOI is the best avenue forward.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD)**, Crownshield Avenue, Hyde Park Circle, Tea Party Drive (Map 29, Parcels 3126, 3117, 3053, 3084, 2965, 3866, 3099, 3987, 3895, 3825, 4682, 3162, 696, 4693, 4745, 4858, 4829, 4884)
Applicant: Rick Terrill, Uxbridge Multi Family
Project Description: Request to verify the wetland delineations are correct at the listed parcels.
Representative: Goddard Consulting LLC

****Ms. Steele recused herself from the hearing because she is an abutter****

- o **Discussion:** Nicole Hayes, with Goddard Consulting, reviewed her site plan for the ANRAD. Existing conditions at the site include bordering vegetated wetlands and isolated wetlands. Once approved the ANRAD is valid for 3 years. Mr. Hannon suggested they condition the ANRAD be recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds to have a record of dates. Mr. Hogan recommended and the commission agreed on a 3rd party review of the plan. Goddard sent notification to 225 abutters that contained an error indicating work other than confirming wetland boundaries was being done. This led to confusion and several calls made to the department for verification. The commission agreed all 225 abutters need a new notification that is accurate. Resident Barry Hauck, 102 Crownsheld, spoke and shared his family's concerns with the builder's practices and respect for the wetland boundaries (excavation work and machinery placement leading to erosion, disposal of building waste materials, dumping residual asphalt, etc.). Mr. Hannon concurred and explained the commission's plans to proceed.
- o **MOTION I:** I, Mr. Hannon, move that Goddard Consulting mail notification to all 225 abutters with the correct information. Seconded by Mr. Gorman, the motion carried 4-0-0.
- o **MOTION II:** I, Mr. Hannon, move that the commission request authorization from the applicant for a 3rd party review and Ms. Dillon obtain estimate from Graves Engineering. Seconded Mr. Gorman, the motion carried 4-0-0.
- o **MOTION III:** I, Mr. Holden, move to continue the hearing until the next regularly scheduled Conservation Commission meeting. Seconded Mr. Gorman, the motion carried 4-0-0.

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****Ms. Steele rejoined the meeting****

2. **Notice of Intent (NOI)**, 187 West River Road (Map 13, Parcel 2453)
Applicant: Sandra J. Anderson Representative: Heritage Design Group
Project Description: Construction of a 24'x24' addition to an existing single family house within the buffer zone of a BVW with associated grading and utilities.
 - o **Discussion:** Mark Anderson, Heritage Design Group reviewed the plan for the addition. A DEP number has not yet been assigned. In November 2016 a setback variance was approved by ZBA due to hardship because house water and sewer lines would have to be relocated to place the addition on a different side. Ecotec has identified that lawn mowing has extended into the wetland resource area on the property – homeowner will be notified and signs will be posted to prevent future mowing. Mr. Gorman expressed concern about storm water run-off from the roof since the addition is so close to the resource area. They discussed options with Mr. Anderson and agreed a swale would be beneficial. The commission decided on a site visit Saturday 12/10/16 at 9:30am.
 - o **MOTION: I, Mr. Gorman, move to continue the hearing until the next regularly scheduled Conservation Commission meeting. Seconded by Mr. Hannon, the motion carried 5-0-0.**

WETLAND UPDATES/ISSUES

1. Mountainview Lot – 4
 - o The applicant is looking to start the stream crossing before they can begin the driveway. The stream is still flowing, fairly full and will likely remain running through the winter so no work can be done at this time. The commission discussed issues with lot 7 and their concerns for lot 4. The ANRAD is getting close to the 3-year expiration. Ms. Dillon will request the as-built for the road as had been previously discussed and requested when the road was to be paved.

REPORTED/ONGOING VIOLATIONS

1. Crownshield (Hyde Park)
 - o The problems are related to the overall RDA and ANRAD discussed above. Graves Engineering involvement will be beneficial for some professional and non-directional information.
2. 142 South Street
 - o Two new dumping incidents have been reported – trucks arriving at dusk with lights turned off trying to go unnoticed. A license plate number of the truck dumping materials was provided and will be passed on to the UPD to obtain that person's information.
3. 9 Balm of Life Spring Road
 - o There has been some activity on the site, rubbish is disappearing, recent excavation of the compost pile and trucks have been moved around. Commission members agree that this and south street are two high priority sites. As soon as they know the date they have access to the site they can move forward with DEP. Ms. Dillon is also awaiting information from DEP's legal counsel.
4. 836 Aldrich
 - o Work is not done yet but they are getting there. Ms. Dillon sent report with pictures from John Farnsworth to the commission.

PROCESSING

5. 11/7 Meeting Minutes Review
 - o **MOTION: I, Mr. Hannon, move to approve the minutes from the 11/07/16 as written. Seconded by Mr. Gorman the motion carried 4-0-1. Mr. Hogan abstained.**
6. 11/21 Meeting Minutes Review
 - o **MOTION: I, Mr. Hannon, move to approve the minutes from the 11/21/16 as written. Seconded by Mr. Gorman the motion carried 4-0-1. Ms. Steele abstained.**

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH MAY LAWFULLY COME BEFORE THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

2. 84 E. Hartford Avenue
 - A Building Permit was submitted but not yet issued. The conservation agent supplied a letter to go with the permit to ensure work is not completed and construction equipment is kept out of jurisdictional areas.
3. Wetlands Setback Policy
 - Discussion: to be further discussed at next meeting
4. Approve 2017 Meeting Schedule
 - **MOTION: I, Mr. Gorman, move to accept the 2017 Meeting Schedule Dates. Seconded by Mr. Hannon, the motion carried 5-0-0.**

MOTION: I, Mr. Gorman, move that we adjourn the conservation commission meeting of December 5, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Hannon, the motion carried 5-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT—NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY DECEMBER 19TH 2016.

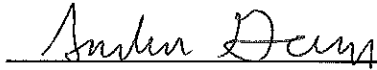
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Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Shelley



Jim Hogan, Chairman

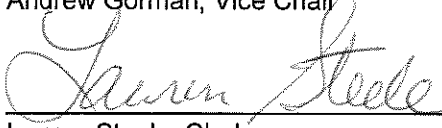
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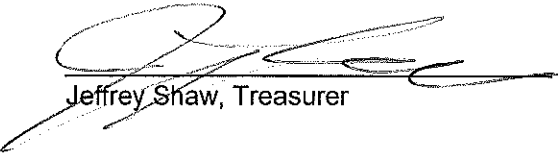


Russell Holden, Member



Lauren Steele, Clerk

Dale Bangma, Member



Jeffrey Shaw, Treasurer

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Date