

Town of Uxbridge
Conservation Commission
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Uxbridge, MA 01569
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Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday January 3, 2017
Board of Selectman's Room, Uxbridge Town Hall

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Town Clerk

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

Present: Vice Chair Andrew Gorman, Treasurer Jeff Shaw, Clerk Lauren Steele, Members Dale Bangma and Pat Hannon and Conservation Agent Melissa Dillon

Absent: Chair Jim Hogan, Member Russel Holden

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 Vice Chair.

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
 - o **Discussion:** The applicant requested a continuance until the next regularly scheduled Conservation Commission meeting.
 - o **MOTION:** Mr. Hannon moved to continue the ANRAD until the next regularly meeting. Mr. Shaw seconded, the motion passed 4-0-1. Ms. Steele recused herself from discussion.
2. **Notice of Intent (NOI)**, 187 West River Road (Map 13, Parcel 2453)
Applicant: Sandra J. Anderson
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.
Representative: Heritage Design Group
 - o **Discussion:** Eric Bazzett, on behalf of the applicant, reviewed changes made to plan that included the proposed swales and split rail fence to establish a solid, visible indicator of the wetlands boundary.
 - o **MOTION:** Mr. Hannon moved to approve the NOI for 187 West River Road with the Standard Order of Conditions and Uxbridge Standard Special Conditions. Mr. Shaw seconded, the motion passed 5-0-0.

WETLAND UPDATES/ISSUES

1. Mountainview Lot – 4
 - o Goddard Consulting sent an updated 4th quarter report regarding storm water and drainage structures on 1/3/16. Mr. Hannon reviewed concerns various town boards and departments (DPW, Building, Planning, etc.) are having with compliance and accountability for this subdivision. Commission members discussed their enforcement options. The active order of conditions for the road will expire in less than a year. Ms. Dillon will summarize timelines and open issues for the road (plunge pool, the basins, material off the site, as built plans, etc.). Additionally, a letter will be sent to the homeowner to ensure they have up to date accurate information regarding open issues.

REPORTED/ONGOING VIOLATIONS

1. **183 River Road**
 - o The Commission had contact with Lisa Fournier of Giguere Realty in regards to the violations. Heritage is finalizing the restoration plans and has requested a continuance.

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2. Crownshield (Hyde Park)

- Multiple departments/boards are having issues with compliance and accountability of builders at this site also. Ms. Dillon will coordinate a combined effort with the appropriate representatives to address these issues.

3. 142 South Street

- A letter was sent but refused by the property owner. Mr. Gorman noted some new lumber activity at the site and is concerned there may be tree clearing in jurisdictional areas but cannot confirm. Members discussed easements and access points available to be able to view the property without trespassing. They will continue to monitor for activity.

4. 9 Balm of Life Spring Road

- Commission members noted new activity at 9 and 19 Balm of Life Spring Road and discussed the importance of getting a license plate number to be able to provide to police.
- **MOTION: Mr. Hannon moved to draft a letter regarding the activity at 9 Balm of Life Spring Road to send to the police department. Mr. Shaw seconded and the motion passed 5-0-0.**

5. 836 Aldrich

- John Farnsworth, on behalf of the owner, detailed the work that was done on the site and requested the commission visit to ensure the work is satisfactory. A report and photos will be provided to the Ms. Dillon. A site visit was tentatively scheduled for January 9, 2017.

PROCESSING

1. 12/19 Meeting Minutes Review

- **MOTION: Mr. Hannon moved that we accept the amended meeting minutes from 12/19/16. Seconded by Ms. Steele, the motion passed 5-0-0**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH MAY LAWFULLY COME BEFORE THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

1. Sending all River Road residents snow stockpiling reminder

- The purpose is to inform site owners and occupants that they are in a riverfront area and request they review their lot and practices to ensure they are not negatively impacting this resource. Members agreed it would be helpful to list in the letter some activities that aren't permitted such as grading the road, operating heavy equipment, storing fuel, stockpiling in the resource area, etc. Additionally, the letter can be used to inform occupants of the illegal dumping on River Road and request they report any suspicious activity to the Commission.
- **MOTION: Mr. Hannon moved to have Mr. Gorman draft the letter and coordinate mailing w/ Ms. Dillon. Mr. Shaw seconded and the motion passed 5-0-0.**

2. Wetlands Setback Policy

- Although all Commission members agree a 50' buffer is better for the resource area, due to public pushback, they decided not to revise the Setback Policy at this time. Members discussed that the review and revision of the Uxbridge Standard Special Order of Conditions to may be a more effective way to address issues that result. The Commission also discussed the benefits of positive community outreach to educate residents about these natural systems and why we permit and work to protect them
- **MOTION: Mr. Hannon move to abandon the amendment to the Wetlands setback policy. Seconded by Mr. Shaw and the motion passed 5-0-0.**

3. Scheduling Conflict with Special Town Meeting scheduled for 1/17/2017.

- **MOTION: Mr. Hannon moved to reschedule the next Conservation Commission meeting for WEDNESDAY, January 18, 2017, 6:30pm. Seconded by Mr. Shaw, the motion passed 5-0-0.**

MOTION: I, Mr. Shaw, move that we adjourn the Conservation Commission meeting of January 3, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Hannon, the motion carried 5-0-0.

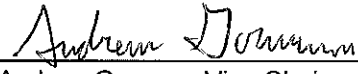
ADJOURNMENT—NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18th, 2017

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Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Shelley

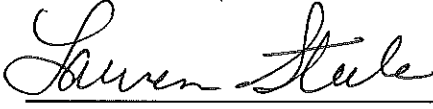
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1/18/17

Date