

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



Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes Wednesday, January 18, 2017 Board of Selectman's Room, Uxbridge Town Hall Received by Uxbridge Town Clerk

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

Present: Chair Jim Hogan, Vice Chair Andrew Gorman, Clerk Lauren Steele, Members Dale Bangma and Pat Hannon

Absent: Treasurer Jeff Shaw, Member Russel Holden, Conservation Agent Melissa Dillon

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

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. Notice of Intent (NOI), DEP #312-1029, 80 River Road (Map 45, Parcel 1453)

Applicant: Benn Sherman, DPW

Representative: GHD

Project Description: Improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Facility, which includes installation of an opentank, asphalt removal, grading, and slope stabilization within the Buffer Zone to a BVW.

Mr. Hogan confirmed Mr. Bangma's involvement with the temporary building committee is not a conflict.

**Discussion:** Marc Drainville, on behalf of the applicant, provided background information, described the project, and their response to DEP. No abutters were present to speak to the project. Mr. Gorman confirmed wetland data forms were updated and they received complete application materials.

MOTION I: Mr. Hannon moved to close the public hearing for the NOI for 80 River Road. Mr. Gorman seconded and the motion passed 5-0-0.

MOTION II: Mr. Hannon moved to issue an Order of Conditions for 80 River Road with the Uxbridge Standard Special Conditions. Mr. Bangma seconded and the motion passed 5-0-0.

2. Notice of Intent (NOI), 434 Sutton Street (Map 4, Parcel 2976)

Applicant: James Tetreau, JLT Development, LLC

Project Description: Proposed 12 lot single-family residential conservation subdivision with associated site work within the Buffer Zone of a BVW.

**Discussion:** Norman Gamache, representing the applicant, provided a background of the property and described the location, the project and the wetlands within the boundaries. A Special Permit was issued from the Planning Board for a conservation sub-division allowing for reduced lot sizes and creation of open space for the project. The total parcel area is 34 acres with over 20 acres of open space. The property was the subject of an ORAD that was issued by the Commission on 1/21/2016. Only work proposed within the buffer zone is grading necessary is for the detention basin for the road – logical area to put the basin. No activities within the 25' no disturb. Mr. Gamache reviewed the drainage system design. The project is in front of the Planning Board and there may be some modifications to the plans before final approval. No questions from the public. Still awaiting DEP number for the project.

MOTION: Mr. Hannon moved to continue the Public Hearing for 434 Sutton Street until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Conservation Commission. Mr. Gorman seconded and the motion passed 5-0-0.

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3. **Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD), DEP #312-1028,** 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

Representative: Goddard Consulting LLC

Project Description: Request to verify the wetland delineations are correct at the listed parcels.

. Ms. Steele recused herself as she is an abutter

**Discussion:** LLC performed an ANRAD peer review and the recommended not closing the hearing due until a few outstanding issues are addressed. There are a few properties LLC did not have to permission to access and therefore were not part of this initial review. Mark Arnold, on behalf of the applicant, indicated he will review the changes in the field prior to commenting on the report and coordinate further steps to complete the review and any associated cost with LLC.

Mr. Hauck, an abutter, attended and asked to confirm the purpose of certain flags. Additionally, he let the Commission members know that backhoe drove over some flags on 1/18/17. Mr. Arnold indicated he would review the concerns when he is on sight.

MOTION: Mr. Hannon moved to continue the Public Hearing for more information and a completed peer review until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Conservation Commission. Mr. Gorman seconded and the motion passed 4-0-1.

## WETLAND UPDATES/ISSUES

- 1. Mountainview Lot 4
  - Ms. Dillon is continuing to coordinate with other departments to address the violations and outstanding issues. A homeowner has been into the building department to express displeasure on their lot.

### REPORTED/ONGOING VIOLATIONS

1. 183 River Road

**Discussion:** A timeline was submitted for dates of plantings and restoration to be completed. Commission members expressed concerns due to prior delays and continuations. Mr. Hogan will follow up with Ms. Dillon to clarify questions and determine path forward.

Mr. Hannon also mentioned ongoing concerns with fuel truck being stored and re-fueled at this property. Mr. Hannon will provide pictures to Ms. Dillon, and recommended notifying the fire department.

There was also a discussion about the shape of river road based on the activities of the solar company. A suggestion was to send follow up letter to the first - an Enforcement Order to the solar company about operating the forklift in the riverfront area.

MOTION: Mr. Gorman made a motion to issue an Enforcement Order for 177 River Road specifying the operation of a forklift and other infractions in the riverfront area. Ms. Steele seconded and motion passed 4-0-1. Mr. Hogan abstained from vote.

## 2. Crownshield (Hyde Park)

Peer review is in process as noted in public hearing above. No additional information.

## 3. 142 South Street

- No current updates.
- During a review of inter-departmental email and information, Mr. Hannon identified information about contamination of the well at 142 South St. and he would like the Commission to inquire further with the Board of Health. He also mentioned he has additional concerns with the BOH activities and communications as it relates to the Conservation Commission. Mr. Hogan will contact the BOH chair to review the concerns.

## 4. 9 Balm of Life Spring Road

• Detective Prior indicated that the SUV and Septic have been there for years. The Commission members think they have a new working address and will attempt to send information.

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#### 5. 836 Aldrich

Mr. Caron submitted the report detailing work completed. Mr. Gorman reviewed his site visit and recommended
conditioning that anything planted that doesn't survive 1 year be replanted in kind and to remove the existing
shed within 6 months.

MOTION: Mr. Gorman moved to lift the Enforcement Order on 836 Aldrich St. with the conditions to replace, in kind, any shrubs in Restoration Area 1 that do not survive the first year and to remove the existing shed within 6 months of this order. Mr. Hannon seconded and the motion passed 5-0-0.

## **PROCESSING**

1. Meeting Minutes Review

MOTION: Mr. Gorman moved to approve the Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes from January 3, 2017 as written. Mr. Hannon seconded and the motion passed 4-0-0.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH MAY LAWFULLY COME BEFORE THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

- 1. Highview Drive notification
  - Ms. Dillon was notified of work being completed and sent a letter (approved by Mr. Gorman and Mr. Hogan) to the owner to provide general guidelines to ensure the work will not negatively impact the wetlands.
- 2. Wetlands Assessment Class (\$300 for lecture; \$500 for lecture & lab)

MOTION: Mr. Gorman moved to approve no more than \$500 for the agent to attend Wetlands Assessment Class. Mr. Hannon seconded and the motion passed 5-0-0

Mr. Gorman reviewed the benefits of participating in the WPIT (Wetland Professional in Training) program and requested the Commission consider Ms. Dillon's participation. To proceed, Mr. Gorman agreed to gauge Ms. Dillon's interest and summarize the requirements and options available ensure the town gets a return on their investment.

3. MACC Annual Conference - March 4, College of the Holy Cross MOTION: Mr. Hannon moved to approve no more than \$920 for Conservation Commission Members to attend the MACC Annual Conference. Ms. Steele seconded and the motion passed 5-0-0

- 4. Conservation Restrictions
  - Discussion tabled until Ms. Dillon is available to discuss.
  - During Ongoing Violations discussions, Mr. Hogan discussed developing an informational pamphlet for homeowners. Conservation members will provide ideas to Ms. Dillon.

Other. Mr. Gorman requested adding the revision/update of the Uxbridge Standard Special Conditions on the agenda.

MOTION: I, Mr. Hannon, move that we adjourn the Conservation Commission meeting of January 18, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Bangma, the motion carried 5-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT—NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY FEBRUARY 6th, 2017

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Respectfully submitted, Melissa Shelley	
Jim Hogan, Chairpran	Patrick Hannon, Member
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Andrew Gorman, Vice Chair	Russell Holden, Member
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Lauren Steele, Clerk	Dale Bangma, Member
ABSENT	
Jeffrey Shaw, Treasurer	
February 6,2017 Date	