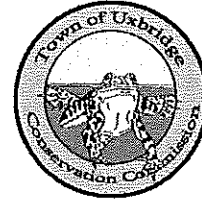


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Conservation Commission  
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**Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday April 18, 2017**  
**Board of Selectman's Room, Uxbridge Town Hall**

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

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

**Absent:** Chair Jim Hogan

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), 200 South Main (Map 30, Parcel 351)**

Applicant: Uxbridge DPW

Representative: Guerriere & Halnon, Inc.

Project Description: Installation of 2 sewer manholes and approximately 100' of sewer pipe to replace the existing section that is failing within Buffer Zone to a BVW.

**Discussion:** Ryan Sherridan with Guerriere & Halnon, on behalf of the DPW, explained this section of sewer regularly backs up because there is too steep a slope before the flat section. The proposal is to replace that section with 2 new manholes and 2 new runs of pipe. The work will be occurring approximately 10' from the resource area and silt fencing is being proposed to control erosion. Crushed gravel will be used to fill existing pipes and manholes and even out the slope. The substrate is wooded with a dirt road and it will be returned to its original state. All the proposed work will be done within the easements. Mr. Sherridan stated they would like to move forward as soon as possible to resolve the problem, the DPW and contractor are on board, and that they are awaiting approval from the railroad. Mr. Legg, DPW Wastewater, confirmed the pipe is backing up on a regular basis as evidenced by a camera placed in the line and that the proposed solution was tested with their hydraulic model and was able to handle the flow. No abutters attended to speak to the application.

**MOTION:** Mr. Hannon moved to continue NOI, 200 S. Main Street for a DEP # and additional information such as a work plan to the next scheduled meeting. Seconded by Mr. Shaw, the motion passed. 6-0-0.

**2. Notice of Intent (NOI), 671 Quaker Highway (Map 45, Parcel 3895)**

Applicant: Cardinal Enterprise Realty, LLC

Representative: Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc.

Project Description: Construction of a detention basin, paving, utilities, earthwork, and landscaping associated with a gas filling station within the Buffer Zone to a BVW.

**Discussion:** DEP # 312-1033 was assigned. J.P. Connolly, from Andrews Engineering, Representing Cardinal Enterprise, described the project as a significant site with fuel filling and a future donut shop and retail store if public utilities become available. There is an intermittent stream and BVW in the NW corner of the property. Mr. Connolly stated the majority of the construction and buildings will be outside the 100' buffer zone but the infiltration and storm water detention basin is well within it. The basin will collect stormwater from the deep sump catch basins directing it into an oil water separator, and discharging into a sediment forebay before it is ultimately discharged into the infiltration basin. He estimated the closest point from edge of basin to the resource area is about 60'. Mr. Gorman noted anything within 50' of the surface water is prohibited under the stormwater handbook. Mr. Connolly also described the landscaping screening plan. There was mention of the snow storage area being close to the edge of the buffer zone. The project is currently in front of the Planning Board and a ZBA permit issued in the fall of 2016. Members agreed to schedule site visit on Thurs 4/20/17 at 5:30 pm. No public comments

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- Discussion: The wattle is installed and part of the silt fence repaired. They are currently working on moving the loam pile and getting the site to final grade.
- **MOTION: Mr. Hannon moved to remove 770 Aldrich St. from the violations. Mr. Shaw seconded and the motion passed 6-0-0.**

### 2. 142 South Street

- Discussion: Mr. Gorman noted that the northerly portion of the parcel might be within the AE flood zone so there might be a bordering land subject to flooding associated with some of the disturbed areas.

### 3. 9 Balm of Life Spring Road

- Discussion: Mr. Hannon noted new activity at the property. Mr. Gorman to try to obtain archive video from 2010 when the original anonymous complaint was filed with the BOH.

## PROCESSING

### 1. 4/3/17 Meeting Minutes

- a. **MOTION: Mr. Hannon moved to approve the 4/3/2017 meeting minutes as amended. Mr. Shaw seconded and the motion passed 6-0-0.**

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

- Pout Pond 2017 Proposal/Contract from SOLitude
  - Discussion: Ms. Dillon reviewed the proposal for \$3525 (\$250 for MA DEP Permit; \$2800 for pre-treatment survey and treatment; \$375 for post-treatment & treatment survey and year-end report). Ms. Dillon confirmed it is part of the budget outside of wetland filing fees.
  - **MOTION: Mr. Hannon moved to approve the proposal with the caveat that the agent clarify the \$250 charge and whether or not there is a charge for a survey without treatment. Ms. Steele seconded and the motion passed 6-0-0.**
- Providence & Worcester Railroad Yearly Operating Plan-comments for review
  - Discussion: Property owners identified in the report have been notified. Mr. Holden looked at the herbicides noted in the packet and determined that the concentrations are the same for both sensitive and not sensitive areas. Members decided to have the agent request an extension, ask for clarification about the concentration of the herbicide, mention that information provided could not be accessed and that they would like to see any comments that come from our town.
  - **MOTION: Mr. Hannon moved to submit the letter requesting and extension with mentioned comments to the operator. Ms. Steele seconded and the motion passed 6-0-0.**
- NHESP maps-comments for review
  - Discussion: Close to 250 acres in Uxbridge are being declassified as priority habitat. Mr. Gorman reached out to several contacts at Natural Heritage with questions and was informed they will not provide any comments or answer town specific questions until the maps are final. Commission members discussed areas and species that are being declassified. Members decided to respond individually as citizens as well as a group response from the Commission. Mr. Gorman agreed to prepare comments for the Commission to review and approve.
  - **MOTION: Mr. Hannon made a motion that the Conservation Commission send a letter requesting they extend the comment period by 2 months. Mr. Gorman seconded and the motion passed 5-0-1. Mr. Bangma abstained.**
- Conservation pamphlet
  - Discussion: The total cost to mail with the tax bills on color paper is \$720. The would come out of filing fees (wetlands fund)
  - **MOTION: Mr. Hannon moved to approve Conservation Pamphlet mailing. Mr. Bangma seconded and the motion passed 6-0-0.**
- Potential Violation on Chapin 86 (Evergreen Center)
  - Discussion: Mr. Holden described the issues at the property, many of the jute mats are rolled up and not effective, some soil is going across the driveway, the conservation berms are washed out underneath

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Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Shelley

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Jim Hogan, Chairman

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Lauren Steele, Clerk

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Jeffrey Shaw, Treasurer

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May 1, 2017