

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





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Present: Chair Andrew Gorman, Vice Chair Jim Hogan, Clerk Jeff Shaw, Treasurer Russell Holden, Members Dale Bangma, and Lauren Steele and Conservation Agent Melissa Danza

Absent: Members Rick Tobin

The agenda was taken out of order because only one applicant was in attendance.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice of Intent (NOI), DEP #312-1059, 74 Aldrich Street (Map 45, Parcel 1141) (01:00 – 13:55)
 Applicant: Lori & Todd Fisett
 Representative: Heritage Design Group

 Project Description: Construction of a single family house, well, septic, and barn with an associated driveway, grading, and utilities within the buffer zone to a BVW. Public Hearing opened 12.18.17.

Discussion: (PH opened 12/18/17) Lance Anderson, Heritage Design, attended on behalf of the applicant. A site visit was conducted on 12/30/17 and plans were updated to include conservation markers as discussed. Mr. Anderson requested using a mounted sign instead of bounds as conservation markers for better visibility in the wooded location. After discussion, Members agreed as long as the markers are maintained in perpetuity, durable and mounted with tamperproof hardware. Regarding the disturbance mentioned at the previous hearing, Mr. Gorman noted it was apparent during the site visit that the disturbance already existed and that area was harvested previously. Straw waddles will be installed as primary ECBs even though there is an existing silt fence on site. There was a brief discussion on the nature of the resource area. No members of the public attended.

MOTION: Mr. Bangma made a motion to close the public hearing for DEP #312-1059 for 74 Aldrich St. Mr. Shaw seconded and the motion passed by vote of 6-0-0.

MOTION: Ms. Steele moved to issue an Order of Conditions for NOI DEP #312-1059 for 74 Aldrich Street, with the Uxbridge Standard Special Conditions and the added condition that an aluminum sign shall be placed at the closest point along the driveway to the wetland as noted on the approved plan. The said sign shall take the form of an aluminum placard and be adhered with a galvanized steel screw with a security head and maintained in perpetuity with a design that shall be approved by the Commission. Mr. Bangma seconded and motion passed by vote of 5-0-1. Mr. Hogan abstained.

2. **Notice of Intent (NOI), DEP#312-1039,** 620 Aldrich Street (Map 48, Parcel 4524) (14:00 – 14:35)

Applicant: Jonathan E. Tibbetts Representative: Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc. Project Description: Construction of a single-family home with associated septic system, earthwork, landscaping with a wetland crossing to construct a driveway.

Discussion: (PH opened 5.1.17) The applicant formally requested to continue to the next meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Hogan moved to continue DEP#312-1039 for 620 Aldrich Street, to the next meeting of the Conservation Commission. Mr. Shaw seconded and the motion passed unanimously by vote of 6-0-0.

3. **Notice of Intent (NOI), DEP #312-1054,** 0 Newell Road & 0 South Main Street (Map 25, Parcels 2065 & 4434)

Applicant: ForeFront Power, LLC

Representative: TRC Environmental Corporation

Project Description: Construction of a 4 megawatt ground mounted solar facility with work in bordering vegetated wetlands and associated buffer zones. (14:36 – 15:14)

Discussion: (PH opened 9.19.17) The applicant formally requested to continue to the next meeting.

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MOTION: Mr. Hogan moved to continue DEP#312-1054, 0 Newell Road & 0 South Main Street, to the next meeting of the Conservation Commission. Mr. Shaw seconded and the motion passed by vote of 5-0-1. Mr. Holden abstained.

The agenda returned to the published order of the meeting.

WETLAND UPDATES/ISSUES

REPORTED/ONGOING VIOLATIONS

- Commerce Drive Map 40, Parcels 3085 & 3086 (15:20 15:58)
 - The representative requested a continuance because they are still awaiting a response from NHESP and the representative had another engagement. Mr. Gorman noted that the floodplain was not depicted on the submitted plans and that the next plan set should have it shown.
- 77 Industrial Drive (15:59 22:46)
 - Ms. Danza summarized the memorandum of understanding issued in 2012 regarding marking and remaining
 out of the 200' riverfront. The only other information on file is the NOI from 2003 for the original building.
 After conversations with the representative from Turf Tech it appears he under the impression that he is
 allowed to use some of that area and referred to a restoration plan. Members decided ask the owner to stake
 the 200' so they can view the area and determine whether action should be taken.
- Yard waste dumping at the intersection of Cross Street and Bruce Street (22:47 26:39)
 - Mr. Gorman prepared a letter and members approved the wording. Prior to sending he will determine whether the compost facility will be reopening and adjust the letter accordingly. Mr. Holden stated the letter has the potential to become one of the Commission's form letters. Members agreed to remove the item from the agenda after the letter has been sent.
 - MOTION: Mr. Shaw made a motion that the Commission send the letter to the identified parties with the third paragraph removed or updated with the confirmed date. Mr. Hogan seconded and the motion passed unanimously by vote of 6-0-0.
- General discussion regarding erosion control within active sites (26:40 28:10)
 - Mr. Gorman sent an email off to the Planning Board and they are awaiting a response. Also, the Planning Board administrator reached out to the 3rd party reviewer for information.

PROCESSING

- 1. 12/4/17 & 12/18/17 Minutes (28:11 33:12)
 - MOTION: Mr. Hogan moved to approve the 12/4/17 Conservation Commission meeting minutes as amended. Mr. Bangma seconded and the motion passed by vote of 5-0-1.
 - MOTION: Mr. Holden moved to approve the 12/18/17 Conservation Commission meeting minutes as written. Mr. Shaw Seconded and the motion passed by vote of 4-0-2.

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

- 1. General discussion regarding vernal pool certification and conservation easements during the Spring (33:14 37:02)
 - Mr. Gorman started to compile a list some Potential Vernal Pools to visit this spring. About ½ are on Conservation Easements or Town owned land and the other ½ are on sites currently on the agenda. There were a couple on the list that Mr. Holden had already identified as NOT being vernal pools. They agreed to finalized the list and begin the certification process in the spring.
- 2. Member Attendance: Mentioned (37:04 40:40)
 - Members agreed to informally reach out to Mr. Tobin to determine his status with the Commission. Mr. Gorman also reviewed member absences and mentioned the importance of making quorum so projects can be heard.

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ADJOURNMENT-NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 5, 2017

Mr. Hogan moved to adjourn the January 2nd meeting of the Conservation Commission. Mr. Shaw seconded and the motion passed by vote of 6-0-0.

Respectfully submitted, Melissa Shelley	
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Lauren Steele, Member	Dale Bangma, Member
Rick Tobin, Member	
January 16, 2018 Date	