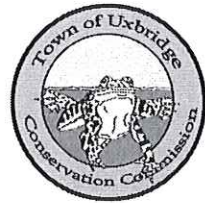




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Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes  
May 20, 2019  
Board of Selectmen Room, Uxbridge Town Hall

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**Present:** Chair Andrew Gorman, Treasurer Russell Holden, Clerk Jeff Shaw, Members Lauren Steele, Brad Allspach & Conservation Agent Holly Jones

**Absent:** Vice Chair Jim Hogan, Dale Bangma

**CALL TO ORDER**

It being approximately 6:30pm, the meeting being properly posted, duly called, and a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by the Chair, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

\* Mr. Shaw moved to take Reported/Ongoing Violations Cobbler's Knoll first and then the Public Hearing for Ironstone/Balm of Life Spring Rd second at the request of the representative. Mr. Holden seconded, and the motion passed by vote of 4-0-0. Note: Ms. Steele Joined the meeting partway through the discussion.

**REPORTED/ONGOING VIOLATIONS**

1. Cobbler's Knoll Development (DEP No. 312-1013) (00:01:00 – 00:15:20)
  1. Steve O'Connell, Andrews Survey and Engineering, represented the applicant. He explained his past & current involvement with the project. He informed the Commission he will be attending an enforcement conference on 5/29/19 11:00am scheduled by DEP (*the commission is not technically invited to enforcement meetings*). Mr. O'Connell updated members on the restoration activities that have taken place so far pursuant to B&C's report. There have been cleanup efforts on the hillside just downslope the outlet of the basin – there is still some sediment to be cleaned up on the other side of the old railroad bed. They have established the ECBs, going down that slope. They are waiting for survey work from AS&E for specific locations. The engineering for the stormwater structures is not complete and Mr. O'Connell asked for what specifics the Commission may be looking for on an engineering drawing of the basin – other than what the approved plan shows. Ms. Jones recommended updating the plan by adding sequencing based on today's conditions and what needs to be completed to get to the final product (remove sediment; scarify it, add gravel, etc.). The upcoming expiration date for the OoC was mentioned and discussed. Ms. Jones informed members that a large number of new lots have been cleared and grubbed (which can be done before building permits are issued). Unfortunately, the open lots will probably contribute more water to the storm water basin. She stated she is working closely with the builders and they have committed to dig swales and add ECBs on every lot. Mr. O'Connell added that FICO is the overall subdivision owner and they are selling off the project lots in 3 separate phases to Arraho Realty Trust, who is represented by John D'Agostino. Mr. Holden mentioned the possibility of a stop work order. Mr. O'Connell respectfully requested an extension of one week to complete the items they are responsible for. Ms. Jones noted many of the lots are wet but the basin is actually getting dryer and they are anxious to start work. They are working with Andrews Survey who will be providing information about existing site conditions and putting stakes in place with location and elevations to ensure it is built to the exact specifications. Everyone agreed to take up the conversation again later in the meeting and review each of the items in the Enforcement Order.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. **Notice of Intent (NOI) DEP # 312-1084, 126 & 148 Ironstone St and 64 Balm of Life Spring Rd (Map 50, Parcels 827 & 835 and Map 51, Parcel 147)** (00:15:21 – 00:28:33)  
Applicant: Milton Real Properties of Massachusetts, LLC Representative: Andrews Survey and Engineering, Inc.  
Project Description: Pave additional surfaces around existing building including a second access from Quaker Highway. Install a new paved driveway and storm water management features that will mitigate the increase in impervious surfaces. The project area is within the Riverfront Area of Bacon Brook and buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland.

**Discussion:** Steve O'Connell, with Andrews Survey and Engineering attended on behalf of the applicant. Revised plans based on discussions at the last meeting and the subsequent site visit were discussed. The plan was updated to identify areas where equipment storage will occur post redevelopment. A notation was also added to





**Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes continued – Monday, May 20, 2019**

**Motion:** Mr. Holden moved to approve the minutes from the 4/29/19 meeting of the Conservation Commission as written. Mr. Shaw seconded, and the motion passed by vote of 4-0-1. (*Mr. Allspach abstained*)

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

1. Pout Pond Gate and 2019 Season Discussion (01:50:45 – 01:51:44)
  - Discussed the upcoming clean-up day Wednesday (5/22/19) in preparation for Memorial Day opening.

**AGENT UPDATES**

- General updates from the office (01:51:44 – 02:03:00)
  - Mr. Shaw brought along the Blackstone Valley River Heritage Corridor Pollinator Resolution Pledge. It is a multi-tiered activity they can do: (i) to endorse resolution; (ii) identify certain items that would be conducive to attract pollinators. Mr. Shaw read some of the highlights of the pledge and members discussed how critical it is to have the pollinators. There was a brief discussion about considering conditioning wildflower/pollinator mixes under solar fields. Members agreed they should sign the pledge and work towards a list of items they can accomplish.
  - Motion: Ms. Steele moved the Agent sign the Pollinator Resolution Pledge on behalf of the Conservation Commission. Mr. Shaw seconded, and the motion passed by vote of 4-0-1. (*Mr. Allspach abstained*)

**ADJOURNMENT-NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019**

Mr. Shaw moved to adjourn the May 20 meeting of the Conservation Commission. Ms. Steele seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by vote of 5-0-0.


Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa Shelley

  
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Andrew Gorman, Chairman

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Jim Hogan, Vice Chair

  
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Lauren Steele, Member

  
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Brad Allspach, Member

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Jeffrey Shaw, Clerk

  
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Russell Holden, Treasurer

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Dale Bangma, Member

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