



TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 20, 2010

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

Minutes of the Uxbridge Conservation Commission regular meeting held on Tuesday, April 20, 2010, at 7:00 P.M. in the Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room, Uxbridge Town Hall, 21 So. Main St., Uxbridge, MA:

Conservation Commission Board Members Present: Harold Klei and Dave Lewcon

Conservation Commission Board Absent: Chair Al Jones and Vice Chair Russell Holden

Others Present: Donna C. Hardy, Conservation Commission Administrator

Due to the lack of quorum, the Conservation Commission held an informational meeting, no motions or votes were taken at this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Violations/Potential Violations

435 Douglas Street (Map 22 and 23 & Parcels 3283 and 2895) –

The Conservation Commission will continue discussions at their next scheduled meeting.

Mountain View Estates off Albee Rd (Map 41, Parcels 1849, 1871, 1891 & 1896) – Current site conditions at site include extensive soil erosion. The Commission and the DPW have done several site visits at the location. The DPW provided a report complete with pictures and a video of the location. A violation letter from the Commission was sent on April 14, 2010. The letter clearly states what the Commission urges the applicant to implement. This erosion appears to have significantly impacted a wetland resource area adjacent to the entrance of the site. The Commission will be performing site visits over the next few weeks to evaluate the response to this violation.

Brian McCann with Albee Realty Trust and his developer were present at the meeting. Mr. McCann and his developer stated that a proposed basin has been constructed and there are sub-drains that are set up at the site. The developer advised that their projection to have the paving done will be June 15, 2010, which should alleviate some of the issues at the site. The Commission is concerned about the siltation and that there is no control of the water flow. As indicated in the violation letter sent to the applicant, erosion controls need to be implemented at the site, which can include installation of hay bales and silt fences, construction of swales to divert water to temporary basins, etc. The Commission urged the applicant to address the situation, if it is not addressed, a stop work order will be issued.

Discussion and areas of concern from the residents included the (water) flow control, street sweeping, siltation issues and abundance of stones or rocks flowing down from the subdivision.

Mr. McCann will provide an update by the end of this week to the Conservation Commission Administrator.

Other

Potential Open Space and Recreation Plan - The Conservation Commission will continue discussions at the June 7, 2010 scheduled meeting.

Bylaw and Regulation Fee schedule - The Conservation Commission will continue discussions at the June 7, 2010 scheduled meeting.

Joseph Foley, 660 Millville Road (Map 40, Parcel 1634) – Site has issues concerning a stormwater management infiltration problem. Mr. Foley was present and discussed the issues with the Commission. The Commission requests Ms. Hardy to contact Northern Development Group, LLC to discuss Davis Heights (660 Millville Road) concerning the stormwater basins that are functioning vs. non-functioning.

41 Chocolog Road (Map 39, Parcel 2355) - The Conservation Commission will continue discussions at their next scheduled meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearings

DEP #312-911, NOI, Inman Pond (Town of Mendon Assessor's Map 20-202-100 and Town of Uxbridge Assessor's Map 20, Parcel 4712) Involves mechanical hand harvesting for the removal of the invasive species Water Chestnut (*Trapa natans*). The Conservation Commission will continue discussions at their next scheduled meeting.

RDA FY10-06 – North Uxbridge Italian American Club – 424 Mendon Street (Map 14, Parcel 4215) - Consists of installation of a 1" natural gas line to the front of the building. The Conservation Commission will continue discussions at their next scheduled meeting.

Violations/Potential violations –

Rivulet Pond Mill, 44 Rivulet Street (Map 18D, Parcel 29) Owner(s) at the mill are draining the pond, if there is potential rain in forecast, resulting in problems for the habitats. The Conservation Commission will continue discussions at their next scheduled meeting.

262 West River Road (Map 13, Parcel 721) - The Conservation Commission will continue discussions at their next scheduled meeting.

Other

Tata & Howard, Inc. – Request to discuss the preliminary design of a water pumping station to be located at the Uxbridge Department of Public Works on town owned property off Quaker Hwy. Requesting feedback on proposed site layout (site falls w/in the wetland buffer zone, 200-foot Riverfront area and 100-year flood plain. Ms. Stephanie Tarves with Tata & Howard, Inc. contacted Ms. Hardy on April 20th, to request to reschedule meeting to the next scheduled meeting on May 3, 2010.

4 Dew Lane (Map 23, Parcel 3062) Request to have violation order lifted. The Conservation Commission will continue discussions at their next scheduled meeting.

Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project (C.M.M.C.P.)– On May 11, 2010, the Spring Annual Town Meeting has a Warrant Article 11, Revoke Participation in the Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project. To see if the Town vote to discontinue membership in the Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project, pursuant to M.G.L., C. 252, S. 5A and other applicable sections of said law, effective July 1, 2010, or take any other action related thereto. The Conservation Commission deliberated at the last meeting on April 5, 2010 and recommended unfavorable action to the article. Mr. Tim Deschamps an Executive Director with the Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control and Dr. Sam Telford a Commissioner at Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project and an Associate Professor in the Department of Biomedical Sciences/Infectious Diseases at Tufts School of Veterinary Medicine in Grafton were present at the meeting. Discussion and areas of concern from the Commission included inquiries concerning wind drifts and affects on bees, amphibians and other

habitats. Mr. Deschamps commented about the wind drifts stating that if there is a wind greater than 10 miles/per hour, spraying is not done. Concerning the bees, a resident may send a certified letter and post signs ever 50' clearly stating "No spray". The technicians would be alerted of no spray at the site. Mr. Deschamps also commented stating that Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project is allowed to spray in wetlands that contain no fish. A small amount of the chemical (approximately 10%) is used in the spraying and is diluted. Per Mr. Deschamps, Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project has an exemption from the Wetlands Protection Act, Chapter 252. The technicians can spray if it's 50 degrees or above at night and it must be a calm wind. The technicians spray about 12-15 weeks out of the year (June - August). Any fish barring water or bee hives, the technicians must stay 300' away. Dr. Telphin advised no reports or studies have been done indicating any effect on amphibians or frogs. Mr. Klei is concerned about the risk to benefit. Mr. Lewcon is concerned about the fiscal budget for the town.

Minutes. Meeting minutes dated March 15, 2010 will be signed at the next scheduled meeting. Meeting minutes dated April 5, 2010 will be discussed at the next scheduled meeting.

OTHER ITEMS:

Pout Pond - The Conservation Commission will continue discussions at their next scheduled meeting.

The Conservation Commission adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Donna C. Hardy, Conservation Administrator



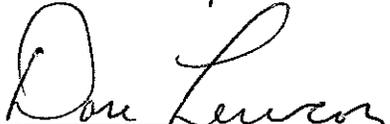
Al Jones, Chairman.



Harold Klei



Russell Holden



Dave Lewcon

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