



TOWN OF UXBRIDGE  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
21 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
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**MEETING MINUTES**  
November 15, 2010

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

Minutes of the Uxbridge Conservation Commission regular meeting held on **Monday, November 15, 2010**, at 7:00 P.M. in the **Lower Town Hall, Uxbridge Town Hall, 21 South Main Street, Uxbridge, MA:**

**Conservation Commission Board Members Present:** Chair Al Jones, Vice-Chair Russell Holden, Larry Lench and Michael Potaski

**Conservation Commission Board Members Absent:** Harold Klei and Dave Lewcon

**Others present:** Donna C. Hardy, Conservation Commission Administrative Assistant

**OLD BUSINESS**

**DEP #312-916, NOI, Triumvirate Environmental, Inc., 146 Mendon St (Map 19, Parcel 3621)** – Excavation of petroleum contaminated soil related to historic underground storage tank located w/in the buffer zone of the Blackstone Canal. Mr. Nicholas Deane with LTI Uxbridge Stanley LP, the applicant requested to withdraw the application.

**DEP #312-918, NOI, Thomas Harrington, 11 Buffum Road (Map 37, Parcels 1324 & 1356)** – Rebuilding a house that was destroyed by fire and construction of a new addition to the house. Mr. Stephen O'Connell with Andrews Survey & Engineering was present and spoke on behalf of the applicant. Following discussion, **MOTION** by Mr. Lench to issue a standard Order of Conditions for **DEP #312-918 for Thomas Harrington at 11 Buffum Road** based on the successful site visit conducted on November 6, 2010. Seconded by Mr. Holden, the motion carried unanimously.

**Violations/Potential Violations:**

**0 Blackstone Street (Map 31, Parcel 4142)** – Agricultural area may be a dumping ground. Commission has tried to contact owner of property to do a site visit and has been unsuccessful. No new discussions at this meeting. The Commission shall continue discussions at the next scheduled meeting.

**26 Boston Street (Map 12B, Parcel 2945)** – Activity on property going on for years, such as throwing trash, mattresses, yard waste, wheel rims, recycling material, shower stall, etc on property and on each dead end from School St to CVS. No new discussions at this meeting. The Commission shall continue discussions at the next scheduled meeting.

**175 Henry Street (Map 20, Parcel 3627)** – No new discussions at this meeting. The Commission shall continue discussions at the next scheduled meeting.

**Mountainview Estates (Map 41, Parcels 1827, 1832, 1858, 1895, 1941 & 1977)** – Heritage Design Group sent an email on November 3<sup>rd</sup> for the weekly report of the subdivision. The Commission shall continue discussions at the next scheduled meeting.

**Henry Legg Road/West River Road (Map 13 & 19, various parcels)** – The Uxbridge Conservation Commission has governance of an acre of land bordering on West River Road, Henry Legg Road and Harvest

Street. The Commission conducted a site visit on November 6, 2010. The Commission shall continue discussion at their next scheduled meeting.

**20 Albee Road (Map 41, Parcel 1743)** – Mr. Holden did a recent site visit of the property and took a few pictures of the location. It appears that wetlands are on the property. There are a few trees on the edge of the property of the wetlands and approximately 5-10 appear to have been cut. Also, yard waste has been dumped directly into the wetlands. Chairman Jones will also be doing a site visit. The Commission shall continue discussions at the next scheduled meeting.

**Other ~ none**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Public Hearings**

**DEP #312-919, NOI, Town of Uxbridge (applicant), BSC Group (representative), Uxbridge High School on Quaker Hwy (Map 36, Parcels 4474, 2784, 3645 & 3534)** - The Town of Uxbridge proposes the development of a new high school building and associated facilities. Significant portions of the project site have been previously disturbed as part of sand and gravel operations. The project will include the school building, playing fields, access, parking, storm-water management and utilities. Impacts to wetland resource areas will result from sewer installation. The Chairman opened the public hearing. Ms. Diana Walden and Mr. Dominic Rinaldi with BSC Group were present and spoke on behalf of the applicant. Discussion and areas of concern included a new access driveway to the school with some modifications to Quaker Highway in order to meet safety and transportation standards, the new high school will be serviced by municipal sewer and water, detention and catch basins, bike paths, impact to wetlands of nearby properties and the impact of the 100-year floodplains. The Commission discussed scheduling a site visit for Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am near the power lines with Ms. Diana Walden and Mr. Dominic Rinaldi with BSC Group. Following discussion, **MOTION** by Mr. Holden to continue discussions for **DEP #312-919, NOI, Town of Uxbridge (applicant), BSC Group (representative), Uxbridge High School on Quaker Hwy** to the next scheduled Conservation Commission meeting. Seconded by Mr. Lench, the motion carried unanimously.

### **Other**

**90 Brandy Lane (Map 8, Parcel 4182)** – A repair &/or replacement for a failed septic system at residence. Mr. Stephen Donatelli with Shea Engineering was present and spoke on behalf of the applicant Ronald Roy. The proposed septic system will be located within the existing lawn area in the front yard and will incorporate erosion controls during and after construction. All contaminated material will be disposed of in compliance with Title V regulations. All work is projected to be completed by December 10, 2010. Following discussion, **MOTION** by Mr. Holden to issue the Emergency Certification Order for 90 Brandy Lane with the plans and plan dated October 27, 2010 including two (2) Special Conditions: 1) Copy of the standard Order of Conditions. 2) Provide the Uxbridge Conservation Commission a record/receipt (s) of all the material removed from the site. Seconded by Mr. Lench, the motion carried unanimously.

**9 Queen of Roses (Map 29, Parcel 3153)** – Resident contacted the Commission office to inquire if a tree could be removed in her back yard. Resident indicated that the tree is located in the wetlands. If the tree were to fall, it would fall directly into her bedroom window. Mr. Klei did a site visit at residence, however was unable to attend meeting to discuss. The Commission shall continue discussions at the next scheduled meeting.

**Metacomet Land Trust** – The Commission was contacted by Metacomet Land Trust relevant to possible conservation restriction information. Metacomet Land Trust requested to be removed from the agenda to come at a later date.

**Blackstone National Park Now** – Letter of support for a permanent National Park in Blackstone Valley. The Corridor Commission is scheduled to end its operation in October 2011. To continue the Commission's work and to collaborate with the National Park Service (NPS) on establishing a permanent NPS presence in the

Valley after the Commission's expiration, a new not-for-profit organization has been formed: Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor, Inc. The group is asking for the Conservation Commission's help to ensure that a new unit of the National Park System is created in both Rhode Island and Massachusetts and that our new organization can continue the unfinished work of the Corridor Commission. The Conservation Commission received documentation and a petition for this request. Following discussion, **MOTION** by Mr. Holden to sign the petition in support of the creation of a permanent Blackstone National Park. Seconded by Mr. Potaski, the motion carried unanimously.

**Waucontuck – The Mill on West River Pond (located off Mendon Street)** – A resident contacted the Commission office inquiring about the removal of the fence on the property. Discussions from the Commission also inquired about trespassing signs removed and if all the hazardous material has been removed from the site. This site should be stabilized before December 1<sup>st</sup> or the erosion control structures should be re-established. Chairman Jones requests to review the standard Order of Conditions for this project. Discussions shall continue at the next scheduled meeting.

**Douglas Street (Summerfield/Taft Hill Lane) (Map 23, Parcel 4435)** – Mr. Holden inquired the status of this site. On November 8<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Benn Sherman, DPW Director sent an email informing the DPW did some maintenance work at this location. The DPW cleaned up the roadside by slightly excavating out a waterway and backfilled it with rip rap to facilitate the drainage off of Douglas Street.

**MINUTES. MOTION** by Mr. Holden for the November 1, 2010 Meeting Minutes, as amended and make changes with two (2) amendments. Seconded by Mr. Lench, the motion carried 4-0-1.

**Other Items:**

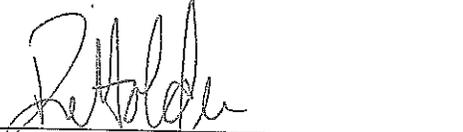
**Pout Pond/Legg Farm** – The Commission conducted a site visit on November 6, 2010. The Commission shall continue discussions at their next scheduled meeting.

**MAIL** – The Commission received mail on October 26<sup>th</sup> from National Grid requesting any comments for a 2011 Yearly Operational Plan. The Conservation Commission does not have any comments at this time.

**MOTION** by Mr. Potaski to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Holden, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by Donna C. Hardy, Conservation Commission Administrative Assistant.

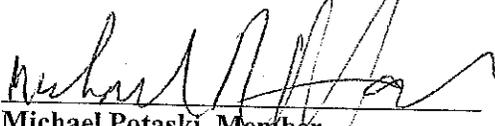
  
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Harold Klei, Treasurer

  
Lawrence Lench, Clerk/Secretary

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Michael Potaski, Member

12/20/2010  
Date