



TOWN OF UXBRIDGE  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
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**MEETING MINUTES**

December 6, 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, December 6, 2010**, at 7:00 P.M. in the **Board of Selectmen's Room, Uxbridge Town Hall, 21 South Main Street, Uxbridge, MA:**

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

**Conservation Commission Board Members Absent:** Dave Lewcon

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

**OLD 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. 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 recent historical and archeological discovery of a Native American camp site to the east of the northern gravel pit and another site located near the Blackstone Valley River, shifting the sewer line to the west due to the recent discovery, increased wetland impacts to the south of the project site, the amount of cover for the pipe and sewer lines and the widening of the berms for maintenance vehicles entering and exiting the site. 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. Potaski, the motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION** by Mr. Klei to move **DEP #312-920, NOI, Uxbridge DPW on 308 Quaker Hwy** out of order. Seconded by Mr. Potaski, the motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Public Hearings:**

**DEP #312-920, NOI, Uxbridge DPW on 308 Quaker Hwy (Map 35, Parcel 4474)** - Construction of a 40'x34' water pump station and appurtenances, approximately 1700 linear feet of cross-country water main and appurtenances, approximately 1700 linear feet of paved bituminous concrete access road and approximately 1700 linear feet of overhead electrical lines associated with the approved public water supply well at the Rosenfeld site. Ms. Jenna W. Rzasa, P.E. and Ms. Stephanie L.

Tavares with Tata & Howard, Inc. were present and spoke on behalf of the applicant. This project is located south of the new Uxbridge High School project site. Discussion and areas of concern included associated grading to finish the roadways, installation of storm water Best Management Practices (BMP) with water quality management and concerns with rare species on site. As opposed to paving the road, pervious and gravel roadways were also researched for this project. The cost, along with the health and safety aspects for this project resulted that it would be best to have a paved road. Also, this would provide a more long-term solution. The Uxbridge Fire Department agrees that the best option for fire protection and safety would be to have a paved road. Also, a pervious road is fairly expensive. The site design alternatives include two (2) best alternatives into the site (see Figure #7 for Alternative C & E options). Concerning the installation of storm water BMP, a water quality swale will be constructed which will lead into a plunge pool and the water will naturally be able to lie over the installed rip rap. On October 31, 2006, Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP) of the MA Division of Fisheries & Wildlife sent correspondence indicating that NHESP does not have any rare species concerns associated with this project. On June 1, 2010, Tata & Howard, Inc. sent a letter to NHESP regarding new information concerning the project. A habitat of the wood turtle, which is currently on the Massachusetts List of Endangered, Threatened and Special Concern Species, has been identified within the vicinity of the project. On June 17, 2010, Mr. David Paulson, M.S. with NHESP sent an email to Tata & Howard, Inc. indicating that the project will not have to file MESA (Massachusetts Endangered Species Act), provided that the project meets the following conditions:

- 1) Disturbance of the site will be minimized and as represented on the NHESP Site Plan.
- 2) Construction of the project will occur between October 15, 2010 and April 15, 2011.
- 3) Vehicle traffic will be restricted by the inclusion of a locking gate at the start of the paved driveway and vehicles will remain on the paved access driveway and parking area.
- 4) Non-native landscaping will not be included in the design of the project. The water supply site will be allowed to re-naturalize following construction and be maintained in its current condition.
- 5) The operation and management plan for the pumping station will stipulate that dense vegetation and tress (ex. White pines) that encroach the gravel pit area on the water supply site will be removed.
  - (a) All vegetation management (including mowing) within the gravel-pit area will occur no more than once a year and be conducted between October 15, 2010 and April 15, 2011.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **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 will not continue discussions; property site is no longer an issue.

**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 January 4, 2011 scheduled meeting.

**175 Henry Street (Map 20, Parcel 3627)** – No new discussions at this meeting. The Commission shall continue discussions at the January 4, 2011 scheduled meeting.

**Mountainview Estates (Map 41, Parcels 1827, 1832, 1858, 1895, 1941 & 1977)** – Heritage Design Group shall be sending a weekly report on December 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 shall continue discussion at the January 4, 2011 scheduled meeting.

**20 Albee Road (Map 41, Parcel 1743)** - Chairman Jones did a recent site visit and noticed a few trees were cut on the edge of the property near the wetlands. The Commission request the owners of this property be contacted to come before the Commission to discuss the project at the next scheduled meeting.

#### **Other**

**9 Queen of Roses (Map 29, Parcel 3153)** – Inquiry of removal of one (1) maple and one (1) oak tree on the property. Mr. Klei did a site visit at residence and confirmed that there appears to be no issue with the removal of these trees.

**DEP #312-916, NOI, Triumvirate Environmental, Inc., 146 Mendon St (Map 19, Parcel 3621)** – Mr. Nicholas Deane with LTI Uxbridge Stanley LP, the applicant requests to withdraw the withdrawal and to go back to being continued while interim financing for the remediation is conducted. This item shall be placed on the January 4, 2011 agenda for further discussion.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **Violations/Potential Violations:**

**Waucantuck – 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. Gerald Lambert, a resident on 446 Douglas Street inquired of the status of water being washed down his property. On November 8<sup>th</sup> in the late afternoon, the Conservation Commission Administrative Assistant contacted Mr. Lambert to provide an update of the site. Mr. Benn Sherman, DPW Director sent an email informing that 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. Mr. Lambert doesn't recall getting the message. Mr. Lambert requested a site visit be done at the location. Mr. Klei shall be doing a site visit. Discussions shall continue at the next scheduled meeting.

**MINUTES. MOTION** by Mr. Lench for the November 15, 2010 Meeting Minutes, as amended and make changes with one (1) amendment. Seconded by Mr. Potaski, the motion carried 4-0-1.

**Pout Pond/Legg Farm** – The Commission shall be sending a thank you letter to all the volunteers and participants that helped make Pout Pond beautiful for the past year.

**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.

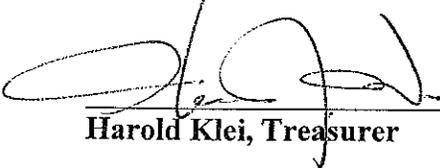
Respectfully Submitted by Donna C. Hardy, Conservation Commission Administrative Assistant.



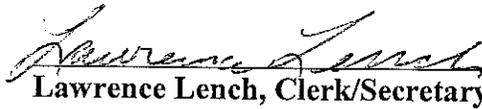
Al Jones, Chairman



Russell Holden, Vice-Chair



Harold Klei, Treasurer



Lawrence Lench, Clerk/Secretary

Dave Lewcon, member



Michael Potaski, Member

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Date