



TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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MEETING MINUTES
August 1, 2011

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

Minutes of the Uxbridge Conservation Commission regular meeting held on Monday, August 1, 2011, at 7:00 P.M. in the Lower Town Hall room, Uxbridge Town Hall, 21 South Main Street, Uxbridge, MA:

Conservation Commission Board Members Present: Russell Holden, Larry Lench, Dave Lewcon and Tracy Tivedo

Conservation Commission Board Members Absent: Michael Potaski

It being 7:00 pm, the meeting being properly posted, duly called and a quorum being present, Chairman Holden called the meeting to order.

OLD BUSINESS

Public Hearings ~ none

Violations/Potential Violations:

89 Johnson Road (Map 48, Parcel 1426) – No new information, discussions shall continue to the next scheduled meeting.

Other:

Uxbridge Wetlands Bylaw – No new information, discussions shall continue to the next scheduled meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearings:

DEP #312-928, NOI, Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC - off River Rd (Map 45, Parcel 1487) – The project proposed is to install a ground bed (anodes and cables) to provide the additional cathodic protection required along a portion of the existing natural gas mainline pipeline. Ms. Kelly Kippenberger, Wetland Scientist with TRC Solutions was present and spoke on behalf of the applicant. A small excavator will enter in the wetland with minimal and temporary disturbance. A trench will be dug approximately 15' wide workspace. This 15' wide workspace includes the trench, the soil stock pile, etc. An alternative analysis were provided in the Notice of Intent, however the current ground bed protecting this pipe is in the Blackstone River and it's damaged from high velocity with trees coming down the river and hitting it. The damaged ground bed needs to be replaced. The Commission asked if it was possible to replace any of the current cables in the ground bed. Ms. Kippenberger reviewed this alternative; too, however the cables would need to be replaced over and over again throughout the years. The project will take up to 1 ½ weeks to complete. The Commission inquired if it was possible to come 100' from the wetlands from the easement (eastern part of plan). It appears that there are power lines under this location and National Grid did not want any activity

occurring under the power lines. The Commission is waiting for comment from Natural Heritage & Endangered Species. A site visit is scheduled for Wednesday, August 10th at 6:00 pm. Following discussion, **MOTION** by Commissioner Tibedo to issue a standard Order of Conditions for DEP #312-928, contingent upon a pending a successful site visit and with no negative feedback or comments from Natural Heritage & Endangered Species. Seconded by Commissioner Lewcon, the motion carried unanimously.

DEP #312-929, NOI, Constellation Solar Net Metering, LLC – 0, 67 & 71 Commerce Dr. (Map 40, Parcels 2954, 2595 & 2863) – The proposed project involves construction of a 2.0 Megawatt AC rated solar electrical generating facility in a former gravel pit. The applicant was unable to attend due to a delayed flight weather conditions. Mr. Stephen O’Connell with Andrews Survey & Engineering was present and spoke on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Dave Fenton with DG Clean Power was also present. The Commission inquired if there was any old growth timber, only shrubs. Mr. O’Connell advised there are a few select pines. A security fence will surround the property with an emergency entrance. A gravel access road will be provided for personnel uses for maintenance. The applicant has gone in front of the Planning Board and is finalizing comments from Graves Engineering and the conditions for the decision. The solar panels are pervious. A slow growing grass will be placed at the location to limit the maintenance. An informational outdoor public viewing area will be constructed and maintained in perpetuity by the facility. The Commission commented on the plans statement “In case of any trimming within the wetlands a Notice of Intent application needs to be filed in the foreseen future.” Mr. Fenton commented to the Commission that the solar panels have a life expectancy of 25 years. A site visit is scheduled for Wednesday, August 10th. Following discussion, **MOTION** by Commissioner Tibedo to issue a standard Order of Conditions for DEP #312-929, contingent upon a pending a successful site visit. Seconded by Commissioner Lewcon, the motion carried unanimously.

Violations/Potential Violations ~ none

MINUTES. MOTION by Commissioner Lench to approve the Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes dated July 18, 2011 as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Lewcon, the motion carried 3-0-1.

Other:

Pout Pond/Legg Farm – Commissioner Lewcon commented that the E.Coli water testing done at Pout Pond is at a low of 10.0 CFU. An email has been set up for any comments or suggestions for Pout Pond, all inquiries can be sent to poutpond@charter.net. Commissioner Lewcon has continued with research on dry camping at the pond. No smoking may be issued at Pout Pond. Pout Pond shall be gifted a bull horn. It appears that Pout Pond is running smoothly, because of the assistance provided by the seasonal resident on the property.

MOTION by Commissioner Lench to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M. Seconded by Commissioner Lewcon, the motion carried unanimously.

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



Russell Holden, Chairman

Vice-Chair (vacant)



Dave Lewcon, Treasurer



Lawrence Lench, Clerk

Michael Potaski, Member

Tracy Tibedo, Member

8/15/11
Date

