



TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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MEETING MINUTES
October 3, 2011

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Minutes of the Uxbridge Conservation Commission regular meeting held on **Monday, October 3, 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, Dave Lewcon and Larry Lench

Conservation Commission Board Members Absent: Tracy Tibedo and 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) – Chairman Holden did a site visit at the property. A Cease & Desist Order was issued on May 17, 2011. Wood chips have been placed down on the exposed area on the property near a resource area. This type of activity should not occur with a Cease & Desist order. The activity is preventing erosion control and is bringing water and soil into the wetland (lower portion of the property). The Commission is waiting for MA-DEP to conduct a site visit on the property. There is also gray water (~~filtration unit on property~~) running out of the house, into a boxed in unit which is flowing down towards wetland areas. The Commission is unsure of what type of septic may be used on the property. The Commission discussed creating a plan for this property including: 1) a total of 25 tree saplings (such as red maples, local trees) need to be planted on the property. 2) Notify Board of Health be notified concerning type of water flowing down property. The Commission discussed whether this plan should be an initial Enforcement Order letter or not. Following discussion, **MOTION** by Commissioner Lench to issue an initial Enforcement Order letter and to notify the Board of Health pertaining to the residents at 89 Johnson Road. Seconded by Commissioner Lewcon, the motion carried unanimously. Discussions will continue to the next scheduled meeting.

102 Homeward Avenue (Map 18A, Parcel 791) – Commissioner Lewcon conducted a site visit and noticed a large amount of ground up road pavement brought into the location. Commissioner Holden commented that a Notice of Intent application needs to be submitted. Per discussions from the few last meetings, any building structure on the property would need to be removed and a Notice of Intent application would need to be submitted. Following discussion, **MOTION** by Commissioner Lewcon to issue an Enforcement Order stating any material or structures placed on the property since May 2010 must be removed within 30 days from October 3, 2011. This material should be removed and

the structure needs to be dismantled, prior to NOI submittal for 102 Homeward Avenue. Seconded by Commissioner Lench, the motion carried unanimously.

187 West River Road (Map 13, Parcel 2453) – Commissioner Lewcon recused himself. Discussions were concluded at the last meeting on September 19, 2011.

Commissioner Lewcon returned to the meeting.

Other:

Uxbridge Wetlands Bylaw –

MOTION by Commissioner Lench to table discussions for “Uxbridge Wetlands Bylaw”. Seconded by Commissioner Lewcon, the motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Commissioner Lewcon to table discussions for the following:

The Commission signed the following applications:

DEP #312-930, ExxonMobil Pipeline Company, 35 Balm of Life Spring Rd, Order of Conditions

DEP #312-770, George Nydam, 92 Sutton Street, Certificate of Compliance

RDA FY12-01, Laurel Brook Club - 90 Laurel St

Signature of August 15, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Seconded by Commissioner Lench, the motion carried unanimously.

Other:

Uxbridge High School – 300 Quaker Hwy (Map 35/36, Parcels 1987, 2784, 3534, 3645 & 4474) –

Mr. Dominic Rinaldi with BSC Group was present to discuss the project. Mr. Luke Grady, Project Superintendent with Shawmut Design and Construction and Mr. Bill Peckham with Welch Corporation were also present. An Enforcement Order was issued on September 22, 2011 with the Extent and Type of Activity:

- 1) Installation of a public sewer line not corresponding to the layout on the Approved Notice of Intent.;
- 2) Absence of Appropriate Erosion Control Structures as per the Approved Notice of Intent.;
- 3) Sediment accumulation in the wetland resource area adjacent to portion of the sewer line.

Mr. Rinaldi indicated the changes on the plans for this property concerning the type of activity (listed above). Commissioner Holden indicated that there is no need to file a new application; however a narrative description (letter) is needed of what is to be done at the property (which was also conducted at the meeting). Site walks have previously been conducted with the Commission, Mr. Rinaldi and Mr. Grady. Stabilization vs. appropriate erosion control is actually needed at the property site. BSC Group will be submitting an Amended Order of Conditions to the Commission in the next couple of weeks.

Lenze America – 630 Douglas Rd (Map 28, Parcels 3733 & 2595) - The use of compost bales vs. hay bales at location. Mr. John Riel, General Contractor with J.R. Associates was present. Mr. Riel came before the Commission to request straw wattles (a type of compost bales) to be used instead of the basic hay bales and silt fence for the erosion control for better economical control (previously approved by Mass Highway). The straw wattles are 12 inches in diameter. Other options include fiber rolls, compost blankets or carbon fiber socks. There are no wetlands located near where construction is being done. The Commission discussed the options and Commissioner Holden gave the stamp of approval for compost socks to be used on the site. No motions were made.

Providence & Worcester Railroad – The replacement of a 122 year old steel bridge on the Blackstone River located South Route 122 in Uxbridge. Mr. Briscoe Lang and Mr. Kevin Viveiros with Lincoln RI Pare and Mr. Tom Lewis with the Providence & Worcester Railroad were all present to discuss the project. Mr. Lang proposed that all the work is projected to be done from track side and not in the waterway itself. Commissioner Holden also inquired if the bridge in the center of town will be repainted. The representatives present will look into having the bridge repainted. Discussions and areas of concern from the Commission included type of paint to be used and how the dismantling of the bridge will occur (including precautions). The representatives of both companies will be submitting a wetlands application in the future.

298 E. Hartford Ave (Map 7, Parcel 3499) (removal of trees near home) - Larry Voss, resident located at 298 E. Hartford Avenue was present. Mr. Voss' home is on the side of the Blackstone River. Mr. Voss indicated he has several trees that are hanging over near his home and would like to have them removed. Commissioner Holden and Commissioner Lewcon both did site visits. An exemption activity to the wetlands includes if pruning is occurring in the area, to specify which trees in particular will need to be cut (mark trees) and not fully removing the trees (not rooting/leaving roots). The Commission shall conduct a site visit on Friday, October 7th to determine the number of trees that pruning needs to occur.

Pout Pond/Legg Farm – Discussions and areas of concern included dry camping on the property that will need to be reinvested on the property. The monies received could help benefit Legg Farm. This past year, Elemental Turf Management Corporation in Uxbridge aerated, used organic treatments and reseeded the lawn to withstand the summer months. On October 30th, there will be a hiking and walking fundraising event, sponsored by Taft Elementary and the Uxbridge High School for the Uxbridge Food Pantry. Also on October 30th, Faith Fellowship Church is sponsoring a Sunday Service cleanup. The seasonal resident (work camper) will be vacating the premise within the week. The focus is now on the cottage at Pout Pond to getting it fixed up. ~~The building currently is not habitable, however there is a local resident that is also~~ A Pout Pond volunteer is a carpenter and is assisting in getting the cottage repaired with the possibility of renting the cottage, too. ~~The resident is also being considered a potential applicant to occupy the property.~~ The building will need an occupancy permit, before it can be rented.

Other:

MOTION by Commissioner Lench to take “**Conservation Commission Minutes and signatures**” off the table and discuss. Seconded by Commissioner Lewcon, the motion carried unanimously.

The Commission signed the following documents:

DEP #312-930, ExxonMobil Pipeline Company, 35 Balm of Life Spring Rd, Order of Conditions
DEP #312-770, George Nydam, 92 Sutton Street, Certificate of Compliance – Mr. Nydam provided a copy of the As-Built plans. One item that was outstanding was the white affluent pipe and it appears that the pipe is just a foundation pipe, no other information to indicate otherwise.

MOTION by Commissioner Lench to table discussions for “**RDA FY12-01, Laurel Brook Club - 90 Laurel Street and Signature of August 15, 2011 Meeting Minutes**” to discuss the next project. Seconded by Commissioner Lewcon, the motion carried unanimously.

Eagle Scout Project (Thomas Bullock) – Mr. Thomas Bullock, resident at 36 Deanna Drive and an Eagle Scout came forward to discuss project. Mr. Bullock requests to redo the courtyard (inside the school) and re-furbish the birdhouses (outside) at Taft Elementary to provide the children and teachers a safer place to enjoy the play area and eat lunch. Mr. Bullock believes the courtyard area is about 50 feet to 100 feet. The Commission discussed what type of birds may want to flock to the premises with particular feeders. The flowers to be placed include forsythias and other perennial flowers. Commissioner Lewcon offered a few of his perennial flowers, if needed. Following discussion, **MOTION** by Commissioner Lench to support Mr. Thomas Bullock's Eagle Scout project. Seconded by Commissioner Lewcon, the motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Holden signed Mr. Bullock's letter allowing the project to be done.

The Commission signed the following documents:

RDA FY12-01, Laurel Brook Club - 90 Laurel Street
Signature of August 15, 2011 Meeting Minutes

MINUTES. MOTION by Commissioner Lench to approve the Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes dated September 6, 2011 as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Lewcon, the motion carried unanimously.

Uxbridge Wetlands Bylaw –

MOTION by Commissioner Lench to take "Uxbridge Wetlands Bylaw" off the table to have discussions on this project. Seconded by Commissioner Lewcon, the motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Lewcon expressed that the Uxbridge Wetlands Bylaw needs to be shortened and be as brief as possible. Commissioner Lewcon believes the Commission should be focused on getting a bylaw and include future additions at a later date or when needed. The Commission will continue discussions at the next scheduled meeting.

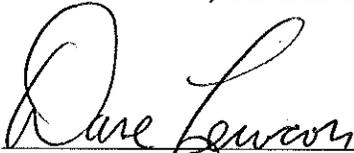
MOTION by Commissioner Lewcon to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 P.M. Seconded by Commissioner Lench, the motion carried unanimously.

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

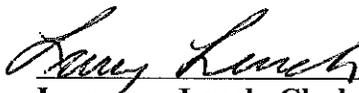


Russell Holden, Chairman

Vice-Chair (vacant)



Dave Lewcon, Treasurer



Lawrence Lench, Clerk

Michael Potaski, Member

Tracy Tibedo, Member

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