

Town of Uxbridge
Conservation Commission
21 South Main Street
Uxbridge, Massachusetts, 01569
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Town Clerk

Conservation Commission Minutes
March 5, 2013
7:03 - 8:21 PM

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*Lower Town Hall, Uxbridge Town Hall, 21 South Main Street, Uxbridge, MA
Please note some items may have been taken out of agenda order.*

Conservation Com. Present: Russell Holden (Chair), Dave Lewcon, Larry Lench,

Conservation Commission Absent: Mike Potaski, Tracy Tibedo

Commission Staff Present: Jennifer Steel, Conservation Agent

At 7:00 pm, the properly posted meeting with a quorum present was called to order by Chairman Holden.

ACTIVE WETLAND CASES

- **NOI 312-949, 95 Buffum Rd., (Map 32, Parcel 4418)**
 - **Applicant:** Mark and Lynn Brunduge. **Engineer:** Seth Lajoie and Associates
 - **Proposal:** Construction of a single family home and appurtenances.
 - **Update:** Administrative posting error and inability to open the hearing on 3/4/13 required a reposting for 3/18/13. The applicant has given permission to extend the 21-day period.
 - **Discussion:** It was under snow when I went out, old flagging line, etc. Representative reflagged based on soil auger samples and confirmed old wetland line. He will submit new plan. Commission will make a site visit on 3/12/13 at 6:15 pm and forward questions to Jennifer Steel (e.g., Has NHESP sent a response yet?).
 - **Motion to continue until 3/18/13 (Larry Lench); Second (Dave Lewcon); Vote: Unan.**
- **RDA FY13-07, 23 Lackey Dam Rd/ Off Old Lackey Dam Rd. (Map 304, Parcel 1433 & 31533)**
 - **Applicant:** TDJ Materials
 - **Inquiry:** Is the "isolated wetland" shown on the plans jurisdictional?
 - **Update:** Administrative posting error and inability to open the hearing on 3/4/13 required a reposting for 3/18/13. The applicant has given permission to extend the 21-day period.
 - **Discussion:** It was under snow when I went out, no flagging in the field. Commission will make a site visit on 3/12/13 at 5:15 pm and forward questions to Jennifer Steel (e.g., Does it qualify as ILSF?)
 - **Motion to continue until 3/18/13 (Larry Lench); Second (Dave Lewcon); Vote: Unan.**
- **Exempt – NSTAR's Yearly Operating Plan**
 - **Discussion:** Location of additional sensitive wetland resource areas has been requested. Commissioners reviewed map. Jennifer Steel will inquire whether any areas have been identified or posted, and will submit a map with all known wetlands along the right-of-way.

VIOLATIONS/POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS

- **OOC 312-938, 170 Hecla Street**
 - **Update:** Jennifer Steel spoke with Mr. Vecchione who stated that he has not installed flagging because of snow, lack of activity on the site, and interest in awaiting Planning Board decision. DEP, Town Manager and

Town Clerk have received questions and complaints about Mr. Vecchione's use of agricultural exemptions to jump start development.

- Jennifer Steel will advise Planning Board about the outstanding Enforcement Orders, the agricultural extension permit, and concerns noted to DEP.
- **OOC 312-947, 104 Hartford Ave., East, Larking Building**
 - **Update:** Russ Holden summarized DEP site visit on 2/27/13: Applicant presented concerns about building stability; all discussed concerns about the accuracy of the elevations of the floor of the sluiceway; Crown and Eagle representatives questioned whether the sluiceway is a "river" under the Wetlands Protection Act.

CONSERVATION LAND

- **Pout Pond**
 - **Update:** Advisory Committee can be appointed by ConCom; in the past the Town Manager has issued the letters of appointment. The Historic Commission is interested in including the cottage in a historic district and wants to change its name to something like Capron Mill Cottage. The gate has been closed since the last ConCom meeting to ensure safety around the ice.
 - **Motion** to appoint 8 members of the Pout Pond Advisory Committee to make recommendations to the Conservation Commission regarding the management of Pout Pond, including swim lessons, parking, the snack shack, the craft program, and fund-raising. Members to be appointed are: Greg Gentz, Tom Kinder, Myra Astorga, Rachel Frazier, Ken Travers, Tammy Daniels, Russ Holden, and Dave Lewcon (Larry Lench); **Second** (Dave Lewcon); **Vote:** Unan.
 - **Motion** to approve offer letter (as amended) to Work Camper (Larry Lench); **Second** (Dave Lewcon); **Vote:** Unan.
- **Proposed APR , Richardson Charolais Farm, 168 South St. -- Near Ironstone Pond, 8 parcels**
 - **Update:** Applicant needs ConCom narrative for application; the State looks for monetary contribution from the town. Jennifer Steel has not received feedback from Planning Board or Board of Selectmen.
 - **Discussion:** At 210 acres it is the largest working farm in Uxbridge (hay, cattle, wood, etc.) and roughly 1/5 has been gravel mined; it is Priority Habitat for rare protected species, adjacent BJs property has a Conservation Restriction because of wood turtles. Jennifer Steel will craft a narrative.
- **Other Business**
 - **ConCom Land and CR Binder** is being developed by Jennifer Steel
 - **Land Use Regs** will be under consideration at 3/11/ 13 meeting. Jennifer Steel will circulate Russ Holden's comments and Commissioners should review them.
 - **Legg Farm Encroachment** letter will be under consideration at 3/11/ 13 meeting. Jennifer Steel will circulate Russ Holden's comments and Commissioners should review them.

PROCESSING

- **Documents to be Considered for Signature**
 - **Minutes, 2/19/13.** **Motion** to approve as amended (Larry Lench); **Second** (Dave Lewcon); **Vote:** Unan.
 - **Bill for Pout Pond water and sewer (\$150).** Because of incomplete information, this item was passed over.
 - **Bill for Workamper ad (\$82.50).** **Motion** to pay from the Pout Pond Donations account (Larry Lench); **Second** (Dave Lewcon); **Vote:** Unan.
- **Budget Discussion.** Russ Holden requested Town Manager attend 1st ConCom meeting in April to discuss budget (e.g., Approval of expenditure from the Wetlands Protection Act Fund for the agent).
- **Other Business**
 - **Re-sign COC for 312-174** – original was lost in the mail
 - **COC for 312-867, Hirtle** – Applicant complied with Commission's request for an as-built. **Motion** to issue a complete COC (Larry Lench); **Second** (Dave Lewcon); **Vote:** Unan.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH MAY LAWFULLY COME BEFORE THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

- **Possible New Members**
 - Joe Sokol (present) will submit paperwork to Town Manager for appointment.
 - Joe Frisk is running for BOS, so cannot sit on ConCom.
- **Mail for ConCom noted**

Motion to adjourn at 8:21 (Dave Lewcon); Second (Larry Lench); Vote: Unan.



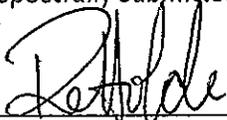
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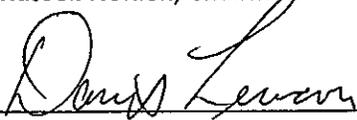
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Respectfully submitted by Ms. Jennifer Steel, Conservation Agent



 Russell Holden, Chairman

 Vice-Chair (vacant)



 David Lewcon, Treasurer



 Lawrence Lench, Clerk



 Michael Potaski, Member

 Tracy Tibedo, Member

5/6/13 Date