



Town of Uxbridge  
Conservation Commission  
21 South Main Street  
Uxbridge, Massachusetts, 01569  
508-278-8600, x 2013 and x 2020



Conservation Commission Minutes  
Monday, July 15, 2013  
Board of Selectmen's Room, Uxbridge Town Hall, 7:00 – 10:21 PM

Conservation Com. Present: Russell Holden (Chair), Mike Potaski (MP), Larry Lench (LL), Dave Lewcon (DL), Tracy Tibedo (TT)

Conservation Commission Absent:

Commission Staff Present: Jennifer Steel, Conservation Agent

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ACTIVE WETLAND CASES

1. NOI 312-956 , 201 & 209 River Rd (Map 45, Parcels 4024 & 4053)

- Applicant: Cheryl Powers/Dedix LLC Engineer: Heritage Design Group
- Proposal: Construct storage building, gravel driveways, septic system.
- Cheryl Peterson, Heritage Design:
  - Because of staff vacations, a non-certified list of abutters was used and a certified list was ordered. There was one difference (217 River Rd.), so that owner will be notified of the continued hearing.
- Motion to continue to August 5, 2013 (LL), Second (TT), Vote (Unan).
- JMS will send written comments and questions to Cheryl Peterson.

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2. NOI 312-\_\_\_\_ , 104 Hartford Ave East (Map 12A, Parcel 1474)

- Applicant: Mumford River Condominium Trust Engineer: Andrews Survey & Engineering
- Proposal: Fill in a portion of the existing man-made sluiceway to allow for structural alterations to the existing building.
- Recusal: Mike Potaski
- Presentation/Discussion: Paul Hutnak
  - DEP denied prior permit because of issues of flow and RFA
  - Now filing as a RFA redevelopment project for the pipe, and as a Limited project for the spillway (as a flood control facility and conveyance of stormwater).
  - Now proposing to run a 24" pipe around the building and connect to sluiceway on their own property; it will be able to be tied into a pipe under Hartford Ave and daylight on Strathmoreshire land and the downstream sluiceway. Coordination with Town of Uxbridge and Strathmoreshire for a joint NOI was too difficult.
  - Purpose of the pipe is to maintain continuity and provide for floods
  - Calculated that to provide daily turnover downstream to prevent stagnation there would need to be 0.3 cfs of flow.
  - Proposed design has the invert set at 249.60 (current water level is 250) and the outfall at 248.81. There was discussion about the possibility of lowering the invert to allow more water volume in the connection, and precluding dis-connectivity at times of low water.
  - It was noted that dredging would have to occur on Strathmoreshire property to make the final design functional.
  - The owner/applicant is Ron Anger
  - DPW's notes and concerns were read into the record: (1) need hydraulic analysis, (2) address "utility conflict" locations, (3) questions about mucking out sluiceway, (4) temporary connection details needed.

- Potential for erosion at the temporary outlet will be addressed in the field.
- Request was made for more detail on dewatering of earth materials.
- Request was made to increase protection at dewatering outfall.
- Ability of coffer dam to keep work area dry was questioned. The applicant assured it would work.
- **Harry Romasco**, Uxbridge Housing Associates, noted that a 24" pipe seems to be appropriate, but questioned whether the pipe was at the appropriate height for maximal "efficiency."
- The next step will be a meeting with Benn Sherman, Paul Hutnak, and Jennifer Steel to discuss the ramifications of height changes to the pipe, and DPW concerns/questions.
- **Motion** to continue to August 5, 2013 (LL), Second (TT), **Vote (Unan)**.
- **Reinstatement:** Mike Potaski

### 3. NOI 312-\_\_\_ , 79 River Rd (Map 45, Parcel 1345)

- **Applicant:** Bedrock Crossing LLC **Engineer:** Andrews Survey & Engineering
- **Proposal:** Fill ILSF, grade, create gravel lot and driveway.
- **Presentation/Discussion:**
  - Applicant states that there are BLSF and unconnected ILSF. The Commission noted their belief that the applicant needed a LOMC or Cert. of Elevation or FEMA.
  - The Commission noted the need for a stormwater report.
  - The proposal is to fill 5100 cu ft ILSF for driveway crossing, provide compensatory storage, and to put in an elevated pipe to allow the ILSF to hold more water than it does now
  - Commission questioned the need to rip-rap slope if it is vegetated
  - Commission noted that snow must not be pushed into ILSF – plan should show snow storage areas
  - Commission noted potential need to plant woody vegetation to stabilize new "ILSF" slopes
  - Commission requested a site visit to look at connectivity, wetland designation, slope stability, recent activities along roadway, compliance with old EO and OOC.
- **Motion** to continue to August 5, 2013 (TT), Second (LL), **Vote (Unan)**.

## PROCESSING

### 4. Documents to be Considered for Signature

- **Minutes July 1, 2013.** Russ and Dave will email proposed changes to all Commissioners in advance of next meeting
- **Bills**
  - National Grid (Beach House) -- \$58.03
  - National Grid (Cottage) -- \$10.00
  - Worcester Telegram and Gazette (legal ads) -- \$87.39
  - Microbac -- \$25
- **Motion** to pay all bills (TT), Second (MP), **Vote (Unan)**.

### 5. Commission reorganization

- **Motion** to maintain status quo [Chair (RH), Vice-Chair (none) Treasurer (DL), Secretary (LL)] TT, Second (LL), **Vote (Unan)**.

### 6. Staffing Update

- Town Manager is interviewing for the position, once filled, Donna will move to the Assessor's Office.

### 7. Financial Update

- JS has the FY 2013 summary for RH
- Commission needs to make a motion to approve expenditure of WPA funds for staff salaries
- JS will request info on her salary breakdown and review it with RH

### 8. Calendar for 2013-2014 meetings

- Russ will finish review of the calendar in advance of the next meeting.

#### Meeting Postings:

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## VIOLATIONS/POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS

9. 217 River Rd. – JS sent request to file NOI.

## CONSERVATION LAND

### 10. Pout Pond – updates and discussion

- PoutPond@Charter.net Facebook.com\PoutPond
- 10-20 tests changed to MPN (most probable number) is 2-3 – threshold is 235.
- ACT's weed survey indicated a number of invasive species. ACT recommended a Reward (non-systemic) treatment for \$3250.
- Lycott's weed survey indicated a number of invasive species. Lycott noted it would be a waste of money to treat now with Reward.
- It was noted that the Conservation Com. must approve expenditures in advance of encumbrances.
- Swim lessons are not fully booked, but there is a demand for "Mommy and Me" swim lessons.
- Parking record keeping going well
- Parking violators are being informed – 10 cars per week are violating. No bad repeat offenders. Discussion ensued about when towing would be appropriate (third documented violation?) DL will ask police if it is legal for us to tow and whether they can issue tickets.
- Swim instructors have been hired through HR; it was noted that Town Manager needs to appoint them
- **Motion** to "have TM appoint PP Rec Committee to operate and manage rec activities under the advice and guidance of CC, starting Jan 1, 2014" (MP), Second (TT). **Motion** to call the vote (MP), Second (TT), Vote (4:1:0) **Vote** (2:3:0).
- It was noted that the PPAC takes on a lot and will be formalized shortly, and the Commission should work towards transferring management to them
- Track Camp. It was noted that Town Counsel had informed Town Manager that the School Coach could not be hired – to run the camp.

## WETLAND ISSUES

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH MAY LAWFULLY COME BEFORE THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

ADJOURN Moved to adjourn at 10:21 (MP), Second (LL), Vote (Unan).

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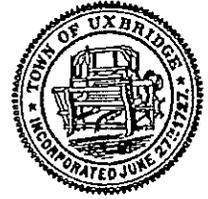
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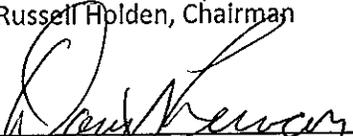
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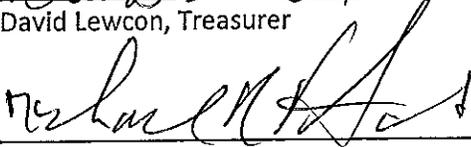
Respectfully submitted by Ms. Jennifer Steel, Conservation Agent

  
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 Russell Holden, Chairman

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 Vice-Chair (vacant)

  
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 David Lewcon, Treasurer

  
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