

**HARVARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
MARCH 17, 2016
APPROVED: JULY 21, 2016**

Chairman Paul Willard called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in the Hapgood Room at 7 Fairbank Street under MGL Chapter 131 §40 The Wetland Protection Act and The Code of the Town of Harvard Chapter 119 the Wetland Protection Bylaw

Members Present: Paul Willard, Charlie Gorss, Wendy Sisson, Jim Breslauer and Joanne Ward

Others Present: Liz Allard (LUB Admin), Dan Wolfe (Ross Assoc.), Charles Davis, Peter Dorward (HCT), Pete Dumont, Stephanie Opallea, Jim Lee (HCT), Tom Cotton (HCT) and David Outman (HCT)

Presentation of Service Awards

Liz Allard presented Paul Willard with a twenty-year service award. Mr. Willard has served as the chair of the Commission since 2005. The Commission is grateful for his extended years of service and look forward to another twenty years of his grumpy-farmer point of view.

Request to Access Davis Orchard through Dean's Hill

Charles Davis and Peter Dorward were present to discuss with the Commission their request to access the Davis orchard through Dean's Hill for the purpose of spraying the orchard. Details of the request had previously been distributed to the Commission members. After a brief discussion, Wendy Sisson made a motion to allow the use of Dean's Hill as detailed in the Davis Orchard Spraying document dated 3/10/2016 with the following condition, Route 1 shall be used with limited removal of the vegetation. Joanne Ward seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Approve Minutes

Wendy Sisson made a motion approve the minutes of January 7, 2016 as amended. Joanne Ward seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Approve Invoice

Liz Allard stated the following invoice have been received for inclusion on the next bill warrant:

- Mark Lanza - \$603.50

Joanne Ward made a motion to approve the above mentioned invoice for inclusion on the next bill warrant. Charlie Gorss seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Review Orders of Conditions - Kasabian, Lot B Poor Farm Road, DEP#177-643, Harvard#0715-02

Liz Allard had previously distributed a draft of the Orders of Conditions for Lot B Poor Farm Road, a separate one for Wetland Protection Act and one for the local Wetland Protection Bylaw. Minor amendments received by Jim Breslauer have been incorporated. With no further comments members of the Commission signed the Order of Conditions for Kenneth Kasabian, Lot B Poor Farm Road, DEP#177-643, Harvard#0715-02.

Master Plan Steering Committee (MPSC) Update

Liz Allard reminded the Commission of the public forum on March 24, 2016 at volunteer's hall which will be an opportunity for comments on the final version of the Master Plan.

Land Stewardship Subcommittee Update

Wendy Sisson sated the spring walk will be held on April 10th, with a rain date of April 17th.

Request for Determination of Applicability Hearing – Martha Brooks, Lot 2 Depot Road (Map 12 Parcels 4 & 5), Harvard#0216-03. Opened at 7:30pm

Continuation of a Notice of Intent Hearing – Wilfred Dumont, 187 Prospect Hill Road, Harvard#0216-02. Opened at 7:45pm

Executive Session

Wendy Sisson made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the possible purchase of real property, the public discussion of which could have detrimental effects on the negotiating position, only to return to the public meeting once completed. Jim Breslauer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Charlie Gorss, aye, Joanne Ward, aye, Wendy Sisson, aye; Jim Breslauer, aye; Paul Willard, aye.

Update on Annual Town Meeting 2016 Warrant Articles

Liz Allard previously distributed the draft application for an Erosion Control Permit. The permit contains a filing fee of \$100. A handout will be created explaining the purpose of the proposed bylaw for the annual town meeting (ATM).

In addition, Wendy Sisson suggested the “Living with Wetlands” brochure be sent out for printing at a cost of \$67.50 for 300, and made available at ATM. A map of the new lands mentioned within the 2015 annual report will be created as well to highlight the progress of the Commission as it pertains to preserving open space. Joanne Ward made a motion to allocate up to \$75 for the wetland brochure. Wendy Sisson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Update on Beaver Deceivers

Liz Allard stated Mike Callahan was in Town on Tuesday to review the four sites the Commission agreed to start with for recommendations on living with beavers. The sites are the William’s Pond, the culvert near Codman Hill Road along Stow Road, the culverts coming out of Bare Hill Pond, across Still River Road and Under Pin Hill Road and Cruft Lane. Mr. Callahan will be submitting his report in time for the Commission’s next meeting.

Update to the Gifts of Land

There were no updates at this time.

Adjournment

Jim Breslauer made a motion at 9:37pm to adjourn the meeting. Joanne Ward seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Allard
Land Use Administrator/
Conservation Agent

**Harvard Conservation Commission
Request for Determination of Applicability Hearing Meeting Minutes
Martha Brooks, Lot 2 Depot Road (Map 12 Parcels 4 & 5), Harvard#0216-03
March 17, 2016**

The public hearing was opened at 7:30pm by Chairman Paul Willard under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, Ch. 131 §40 and the Harvard Wetland Protection Bylaw, Chapter 119 of the Code of the Town of Harvard in the Hapgood Room at 7 Fairbank Street

Members Present: Paul Willard, Charlie Gorss, Wendy Sisson, Jim Breslauer and Joanne Ward

Others Present: Liz Allard (LUB Admin), Dan Wolfe (Ross Assoc.) and Stephanie Opallea

This hearing is for a Request for Determination of Applicability filed on behalf of Martha Brooks for the construction of a single-family dwelling with components within the 100' wetland buffer zone on Lot 2 Depot Road (Map 12 Parcel 4&5), Harvard.

Dan Wolfe, of Ross Associates, was present to represent the applicant. Mr. Wolfe stated the site is a vacant lot that was created by a recent approval of the Planning Board. The proposal to construct a single-family dwelling on the lot will have minimal impact with the wetland buffer zone. Impacts to the wetland buffer zone include the driveway turn around and grading around house. There will be no disturbance within the 50' wetland buffer zone and no driveway or structure within the 75' wetland buffer zone.

After a brief discussion, Joanne Ward made a motion to close the hearing and issue a Negative #3 Determination with the condition that there is to be no work beyond erosion control barrier and the erosion control barrier is to be inspected by the Conservation Agent prior to activity. Charlie Gorss seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Allard
Land Use Administrator/
Conservation Agent

**Harvard Conservation Commission
Continuation of a Notice of Intent Hearing Meeting Minutes
Wilfred Dumont, 187 Prospect Hill Road,
DEP#177-645, Harvard#0216-02
March 3, 2016**

The public hearing was opened at 7:45pm by Chairman Paul Willard under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, Ch. 131 §40 and the Harvard Wetland Protection Bylaw, Chapter 119 of the Code of the Town of Harvard in the Hapgood Room at 7 Fairbank Street

Members Present: Paul Willard, Charlie Gorss, Wendy Sisson, Jim Breslauer and Joanne Ward

Others Present: Liz Allard (LUB Admin) and Peter Dumont

This hearing was continued from March 3, 2016 for a Notice of Intent filed on behalf of Wilfred Dumont for the installation of a sewage septic system within the 100' wetland buffer zone at 187 Prospect Hill Road, Harvard.

Liz Allard stated the hearing had been continued in order for comments and the file number to be received from the Department of Environmental Protection; which has been received.

With no other comments, Wendy Sisson made a motion to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions that include a special condition that the slope is to be planted with woody vegetation of the applicant's choice. Charlie Gorss seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Allard
Land Use Administrator/
Conservation Agent

DOCUMENTS & OTHER EXHIBITS

Request for Determination of Applicability Hearing – Martha Brooks, Lot 2 Depot Road (Map 12 Parcels 4 & 5), Harvard#0216-03

- Sewage Disposal System, designed for Martha Brooks, Depot Road, Harvard, MA, prepared by David E. Ross Associates, Inc., Job No. 30327, Plan No. L-12816, dated FEBRUARY, 2015

Continuation of a Notice of Intent Hearing – Wilfred Dumont, 187 Prospect Hill Road, Harvard#0216-02

- Sewage Disposal System, designed for Wilfred Dumont and Janet Teresko, 187 Prospect Hill Road, prepared by David E. Ross Associates, Inc., Job No. 31060, Plan No. L-12767, dated JAN. 2016