

**HARVARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2017
APPROVED: DECEMBER 7, 2017**

Chairman Paul Willard called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in the Town Hall, 13 Ayer Road, under MGL Chapter 131 §40 Wetland Protection Act and Code of the Town of Harvard Chapter 119 Wetland Protection Bylaw

Members Present: Paul Willard, Don Ritchie, Wendy Sisson, Joanne Ward, Jaye Waldron, Carl Sciple and Mark Shaw (Associate Member)

Others Present: Liz Allard (LUB Admin), Carl Warren, Mark Lavallee (GRP, Inc.) and Bruce Ringwall (GPR, Inc.)

Deer Management

This discussion was postponed to November 2, 2017 at 7:00pm in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Nashua River Wild & Scenic River Study and Draft River Management Plan

Liz Allard attended the paddle hosted by Nashua River Watershed Association (NRWA) earlier this week. Jaye Waldron has begun reviewing the document received from NRWA. Paul Willard wondered how agricultural land along the river would be affected by this designation.

Potential Open Space – Woodside Road, Map 30 Parcel 14

No news from Town Administrator.

Licensing of Conservation Land Update

No update at this time.

Update from the State Service Forester – Cruft Lane

Liz Allard has left a message for the State Forest Service, Lara Dooley, but has not heard back from her. Ms. Allard will continue to try to be in touch with Ms. Dooley.

Approve Minutes

Members agreed to approve minutes at the next meeting.

Request for an Extension of the Order of Conditions – 197 Littleton County Road, DEP#177-633

Don Ritchie made a motion to extend the Order of Conditions for 197 Littleton County Road, DEP#177-633 for three years. Joanne Ward seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Land Stewardship Subcommittee Update

Wendy Sisson stated the fall walk will take place on November 5th at 1pm. This walk will highlight conservation lands on the south side of Town including the Abbot, Powell and Reed land between Bolton Road and East Bare Hill Road. The walk will begin at Bower's Spring parking area in Bolton.

Request for Determination of Applicability Hearing – Carl Warren, 50 Turner Lane, Harvard#1017-01. Opened at 7:30pm

Capital Planning & Investments Committee FY2019 Application Questions

Wendy Sisson updated the members of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting this week. The BOS seemed supportive of the request. It needs to be clear that the Commission is seeking to make this funding a permanent addition in the omnibus budget. BOS requested additional information, which is due November 2nd.

Pine Hill Village, Stow Road, DEP#177-586 Update

Liz Allard stated the erosion control barriers at Pine Hill Village will be reinstalled within the next week. Once installation has been complete an inspection will take place. Don Ritchie and Paul Willard stated they would assist in that inspection.

Chapter 147 Wetland Bylaw Regulations Amendments

Liz Allard stated there a number of items within Chapter 147 including the use of pesticides that need updating. After a brief discussion the members agreed to review Chapter 147 on their own, provide feedback to Ms. Allard and the hold the required public hearing once the document has been amended.

Adjournment

Don Ritchie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm. 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
Carl Warren, 50 Turner Lane, Harvard#1017-01
October 19, 2017**

The public hearing was opened at 7:30pm by Chairman Paul Willard under Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, Ch. 131 §40 and Harvard Wetland Protection Bylaw, Chapter 119 of the Code of the Town of Harvard in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 13 Ayer Road, Harvard

Members Present: Paul Willard, Don Ritchie, Wendy Sisson, Joanne Ward, Jaye Waldron and Carl Sciple and Mark Shaw (Associate Member)

Others Present: Liz Allard (LUB Admin), Carl Warren, Mark Lavallee (GRP, Inc.) and Bruce Ringwall (GPR, Inc.)

This Request for Determination of Applicability was filed on behalf of Carl Warren for improvements to an existing structure including the replacement of the existing stairs, the construction of a patio and an addition within 200' of Bare Hill Pond at 50 Turner Lane, Harvard.

Mark Lavallee, of GPR, Inc, was present to represent the applicant, Carl Warren, who was also present. Mr. Lavallee explained the existing one-and-half-story dwelling is being enlarged by expanding the second floor to a two-story house, as well as adding 150 square feet to the first floor. The addition will be in the location of an existing deck. A new deck and patio are proposed as well. All of the activity is within 200' of Bare Hill Pond. Straw waddles will be used to avoid silt getting to Bare Hill Pond. In addition, the existing exterior front staircase will be reconstructed. To improve stormwater runoff on site, the plan details the addition of three stone chambers. There is no proposed work along the north-east side of the existing structure.

Carl Sciple asked if all of the gutters discharge to the stone chambers. Mr. Lavelle stated they do not. Approximately 290 square feet roof runoff will not have gutters, which is no change as to what is there now.

Wendy Sisson made a motion to close the hearing and issue a Negative Determination of Applicability -3 with the conditions that any stock pile of material will be done outside the 200' buffer zone and the erosion control barrier will be inspected by the Conservation Agent prior to the start of activity on the site. Joanne Ward seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Allard
Land Use Administrator/
Conservation Agent

EXHIBITS & OTHER DOCUMENTS

Conservation Commission Agenda, dated October 19, 2017

Request for Determination of Applicability Hearing – Carl Warren, 50 Turner Lane, Harvard#1017-01

- Request for Determination of Applicability Plan, 50 Turner Lane, Harvard, MA 01451, prepared for Warren Design Build, prepared by GPR, Inc., Project: 171069, dated October 18, 2017