

**HARVARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
APRIL 4, 2019
APPROVED: MAY 16, 2019**

Chair Don Ritchie called the meeting to order at 7:01pm in the Hildreth House, 15 Elm Street, under MGL Chapter 131 §40 Wetland Protection Act and Code of the Town of Harvard Chapter 119 Wetland Protection Bylaw

Members Present: Don Ritchie, Paul Willard, Wendy Sisson, Jaye Waldron, Mark Shaw and Derek Beard (Associate Member)

Others Present: Liz Allard (LUB Admin), Bruce Ringwall (GPR, Inc.), Peter Cricones (Pine Hill Village), Carla Page (Pine Hill Village, LLC), Bob Douglas, Tom Cotton, Marc Sevigny, Marty Green (Harvard Press) and Dan Daley

Deer Management Subcommittee Update

Bob Douglas, chair of the Deer Management Subcommittee (DMS), detailed the progress of the DMS to date. DMS is planning more public outreach and baseline monitoring of lands in Harvard. DMS will be scheduling a series of lectures open to the public to include experts, such as a Federal Forester and the Deer Biologist from the Massachusetts Division of Fish and Wildlife. In addition, speakers from other communities, which engage in active deer management, will present how a program of controlled hunting has worked in their community, along with the results from allowing controlled hunting.

Wendy Sisson suggested the public outreach session be conducted in an order that starts with the current issues of deer in the community and concludes with recommended solutions. As part of the process of engaging the community, members of the DMS have provided semi-regular opinion letters in the Harvard Press. DMS is considering conducting a survey for additional feedback from the community. Ms. Sisson suggested releasing the survey after the first lecture.

Ms. Sisson stated the Land Stewardship Subcommittee suggests if such a program is approved in Harvard, a small subset of available areas be hunted to demonstrate the program is safe and work out any issues that may arise during the initial year.

With the DMS planning on having the lecture series on the opposite Thursday nights in which the Conservation Commission does not meet, the following dates were suggested May 9, May 23, June 13 and June 20.

Approve Minutes

Jaye Waldron made a motion to approve the minutes of March 7, 2019 as amended. Paul Willard seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Continuation of a Request for Determination of Applicability Hearing – Luciana Manganello, 169 Littleton County Road, Harvard#1118-03. Opened at 7:30pm

Pine Hill Village, Stow Road (Map 36 Parcels 85 & 86.1)

The Commission took the opportunity to review and make recommended revisions to the plan set in preparation of the public hearing to amend the Order of Conditions for the Pine Hill Village. Snow storage areas, rain gardens and the construction sequence were discussed. The scope of work for an independent consultant to monitor the development was refined. The public hearing will open on April 18, 2019.

Request to locate Telecommunications Facility on Conservation Land – Boca along Old Shirley Road

Members of the Commission will review the site to determine if a telecommunications tower could be located on the site in association with the existing wetland resources area.

Open Space Committee documentation for Select Board Strategic Planning Session

Don Ritchie continues to work with Peter Dorward on this matter.

Request to Participate at the 3rd Annual Environmental Conference on May 30th

Wendy Sisson suggested the Commission present information in regards to the care of municipal land, and best practices to maintain recreational playing fields through the use of chemical fertilizers. Members of the Commission agreed with the suggestion of these topics. Paul Willard will attend this event to represent the Commission. Wendy Sisson will provide information to be presented at this event.

Executive Session

This item was not necessary this evening.

Adjournment

Jaye Waldron made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm. Mark Shaw 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 April 4, 2019
- DRAFT HARVARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES OF MEETING, March 7, 2019

Continuation of a Request for Determination of Applicability Hearing – Luciana Manganella, 169 Littleton County Road, Harvard#1118-03

- Request for Determination of Applicability Exhibit Plan 169 Littleton County Road Harvard, MA prepared for Luciana Manganella 135 Commonwealth Ave - Unit 8 Boston, MA 02116 Job 181080A prepared by GPR, Inc. 3/28/2019

Pine Hill Village, Stow Road (Map 36 Parcels 85 & 86.1)

- Notice of Intent Summary of Plan Changes for Pine Hill Village in Harvard, Mass Definitive Plans for the Comprehensive Permit Application prepared for Pine Hill Village LLC, PO Box 468 Tyngsboro, MA Drawing No. 1009/5086, 4/1/2019
- Notice of Intent Snow Storage Site Access and Parking Plan for Pine Hill Village in Harvard, Mass Definitive Plans for the Comprehensive Permit Application prepared for Pine Hill Village LLC, PO Box 468 Tyngsboro, MA Drawing No. 1009/5086, prepared by R. Wilson Associates, Inc., 4/1/2019
- Scope of work for hiring a professional to monitor site work at Pine Hill Village

Harvard Conservation Commission
Continuation of a Request for Determination of Applicability Hearing
Luciana Manganella, 169 Littleton County Road, Harvard#1118-03
April 4, 2019

The public hearing was opened at 7:30pm by Chair Don Ritchie under MGL Chapter 131 §40 Wetland Protection Act and Code of the Town of Harvard Chapter 119 Wetland Protection Bylaw in the Hildreth House, 15 Elm Street, Harvard

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Others Present: Liz Allard (LUB Admin) and Bruce Ringwall (GPR, Inc.)

This hearing was continued from December 6, 2018 on a Request for Determination of Applicability filed on behalf of Luciana Manganella to determine whether the area or work is subject to jurisdiction under the Wetland Protection Act and the Wetland Protection Bylaw, and whether the boundary of the resource area is accurately delineated at 169 Littleton County Road, Harvard.

With the weather now amenable to review the wetland line at this location, a site walk was conducted last week. There was a minor adjustment to the wetland delineation during the site walk. The 100' wetland buffer zone has been staked out in preparation of the construction of a single-family residence.

With no questions or comments, Jaye Waldron made a motion to close the hearing and issue a Negative #4 Determination of Applicability. Mark Shaw seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Allard
Land Use Administrator/
Conservation Agent