

**HARVARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
May 3, 2007**

Chairman Paul Willard called the meeting to order 7:08pm at pm in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

**Members Present:** Paul Willard, Wendy Sisson, Jim Breslauer, Charlie Gorss, Otto Solbrig and George Watkins

**Others Present:** Phil Knoettner, Molly Cutler (Harvard Press), Joanne O'Donnell, Marty O'Donnell, William McCurdy, Brad Taylor, Michael Crouse (GPR, Inc.) and George Dimakarakos (Stamski & McNary, Inc.)

**Small Nature Trail Clean Up**

Phil Knoettner was present to discuss the Small Nature Trail with the members. Mr. Knoettner stated there are two walking bridges at three feet in width and two larger bridges at six feet wide. The larger bridges allow for snowmobiles to cross. The clean up calls for the movement of a portion of the trail which has become swamp. Mr. Knoettner has spoken to Tom Jefferson at the school, who has stated the school will look to see if they have any money to donate for this project. Otto Solbrig explained the Garden Club may want to donate some money for this project as well. Wendy Sisson suggested placing the boards with small spaces due to the fact small children will be using the trails. There is free decking available at Great Elms which Mr. Knoettner will be able to use.

**Woodside Road (Map 30 Parcel 14) Land Purchase**

Joanne O'Donnell was present to discuss with the members the potential purchase of her land on Woodside Road in lieu of taxes. Due to constraints on the property the lot is considered unbuildable. The lot is valued at \$306,700. Ms. O'Donnell stated she had stopped paying taxes about four years ago. Ms. O'Donnell is willing to sell it with some money in return to cover expense accrued over the years. The members will need to do some research as to the total liability. Wendy Sisson stated what the Commission may offer may not add up to all the expenses that have been involved over the years. Ms. O'Donnell stated any legal fees that arise will have to be incurred by the Commission because she can not afford it. Paul Willard stated the Commission would get back to her after research has been completed.

**Land Stewardship Sub-Committee Appointments**

Wendy Sisson made a motion to re-appoint Charlie Gorss to the land Stewardship Committee. Jim Breslauer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

### **Town Center Planning Committee Appointments**

Paul Willard has volunteered to be the Commission's representative to the Town Center Planning Committee if someone can take on the Master Plan Implementation Committee (MPIC). Otto Solbrig stated he would be the representative for MPIC.

Jim Breslauer made a motion to have Paul Willard represent the Commission on the Town Center Planning Committee and Otto Solbrig represents the Commission on the Master Plan Implementation Committee. George Watkins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

### **Minutes**

Otto Solbrig made a motion to accept the minutes of April 19, 2007 as amended. Jim Breslauer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion with the exception of Wendy Sisson who was not at that meeting.

### **Potential Wetland Disturbance - Anne Lees Road**

Wendy Sisson informed the members the issue of work above a potential wetland area on Ann Lees Road has come up again. Ms. Sisson has gone out and viewed the site. She stated if it is a wetland the work going on would be within the buffer zone. Ms. Sisson suggested the homeowners come in and discuss what could be done to eliminate erosion on the site. Because of the vegetation, it is hard to determine if it is a true wetland. Paul Willard stated maybe it is just as simple as asking for a row of hay bales until everything is stable. Ms. Sisson believes if it is a wetland the Commission should encourage the home owner to plant some vegetation. Ms. Sisson would like a site walk done. A site walk was scheduled for Monday May 7, 2007 at 6:30pm. The owner will be contacted to get permission to view the site.

### **Certificate of Compliances**

Paul Willard informed the members that he reviewed two sites for Certificates of Compliance. Both 16 Harris Lane and 37 Turner Lane were in compliance with the Order of Conditions.

Wendy Sisson made a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance for David & Rebecca Newsham at 16 Harris Lane, DEP#177-508. Otto Solbrig seconded the motion the vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Wendy Sisson made a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance for Ariela Mahoney at 37 Turner Lane, DEP#177-479. Otto Solbrig seconded the motion the vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

**Continuation of a Notice of Intent Hearing- Massachusetts Housing Opportunity Corporation, 262/264 Ayer Road, DEP#177-533, Harvard#1206-1.** Opened at 7:33pm

**Continuation of a Notice of Intent Hearing – Massachusetts Housing Opportunities Corporation, 15 Littleton Road, DEP#177-535, Harvard#307-1.** Opened at 8:03pm

**Request to Amend the Order of Conditions Hearing – Jeffery & Cynthia Tingle, 19 Tahanto Trail, DEP#177-475. Opened at 8:30pm**

**Adjournment**

Wendy Sisson made a motion to adjourn the hearing at 9:07pm. Jim Breslauer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Allard  
Administrative Assistant

**Harvard Conservation Commission**  
**Continuation of a Notice of Intent Hearing Meeting Minutes**  
**Massachusetts Housing Opportunities Corporation**  
**DEP#177-530, Harvard#1206-2 Ayer Road 262/264**  
**May 3, 2007**

The public hearing was opened at 7:33pm by Chairman Paul Willard under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, Ch. 131 §40

**Members Present:** Paul Willard, Wendy Sisson, Jim Breslauer, Charlie Gorss, Otto Solbrig and George Watkins

**Others Present:** George Dimakarakos (Stamski & McNary, Inc.), Brad Taylor and William McCurdy

This hearing was continued from April 5, 2007 on a Notice of Intent filed on behalf of Massachusetts Housing Opportunities Corporation for the installation of a public water supply well within the bordering vegetated wetland at 262/264 Ayer Road, Harvard.

George Dimakarakos was present to discuss the revised plans submitted at the end of March for the Commission's review. George Watkins asked what material would need to be stock piled. Mr. Dimakarakos stated loam and small trees if need be. Wendy Sisson asked if there is a reason the wells can not be moved further from the edge of the wetland. Mr. Dimakarakos stated the location of wells is driven by the Zone 1 well radius, which moves the septic system right up against the property line. Mr. Dimakarakos stated the only work in the Bordering Vegetated Wetland would be walking by an individual working with the drill. Jim Breslauer asked if a platform could be created to aid in protecting the vegetation. There is a detail on the plan to cover this issue. Mr. Breslauer asked if there is any reason a 4 x 4 blocks of wood and a piece of plywood could not be used. Mr. Dimakarakos sees no reason why this method can not be used.

Mr. Breslauer asked how deep the mud pit is. Mr. Dimakarakos stated only a few feet deep. Mr. Breslauer wondered where the ground water is in the area of the mud pit. Mr. Dimakarakos stated it is high in that area. The plan calls for pumping water up to the dewatering still. An orange snow fence will be used along the wetland line with the siltation barrier in the area of work. Paul Willard asked if the erosion controls barriers would be inspected prior to any work commencing. Mr. Dimakarakos stated yes and added trees do have to be cut within the well area, but will there is a plan to replant in the Notice of Intent submitted this week for the entire project. Mr. Willard asked if any trees would need to removed to put up the siltation barrier. Mr. Dimakarakos stated yes. Mr. Willard stated in this case he would like more of the Commission members to review the erosion controls and approve them prior to the commencement of work.

Mr. Breslauer asked if there would be no machinery in the wetland what so ever. Mr. Dimakarakos stated this statement was correct. Mr. Watkins asked about the piece of plywood outside the well construction area. Mr. Dimakarakos stated this would be used to dissipate the flow of water that is being pumped out during the pump test. Mr. Breslauer asked if it would be pressure treated. Mr. Dimakarakos stated no. Ms. Sisson asked if it should be a bit further up so it is further outside of the wetland. Mr. Dimakarakos stated it is at 20' outside the wetland.

Ms. Sisson asked what the access road would be supporting. Mr. Dimakarakos stated a pick up truck and a drill rig. Additionally, if need be gravel would be put down on the access road to prevent the work vehicles from causing damage to the buffer zone. Ms. Sisson asked if it would best to strip the loam and then put down gravel. Mr. Willard does not think this is necessary, there should not be any problem driving in the area in question. Mr. Willard also tends to think the fewer disturbances the better. Mr. Watkins asked if any of the details show what would happen to the drilled material. Mr. Dimakarakos stated it would be used as back fill. Mr. Willard asked when the pump testing is complete what will the area look like. Mr. Dimakarakos stated the area will be loamed and seeded and the pipe casting for the wells will be there. Mr. Breslauer asked when the work would begin. Mr. Dimakarakos stated some time between July and August.

Charlie Gorss made a motion to close the hearing and write an Order of Conditions to include the condition no equipment will be allowed within the Bordering Vegetated Wetland and a platform constructed of 4 x 4 blocks of wood and a piece of plywood will be used within the Bordering Vegetated Wetland. Wendy Sisson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion among the voting members: Paul Willard, Wendy Sisson, Charlie Gorss and Otto Solbrig.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Allard  
Administrative Assistant

**Harvard Conservation Commission**  
**Continuation of a Notice of Intent Hearing Meeting Minutes**  
**Massachusetts Housing Opportunities Corporation**  
**15 Littleton Road, DEP#177-535, Harvard#307-1**  
**May 3, 2007**

The public hearing was opened at 8:03pm by Chairman Paul Willard under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act M.G.L. ch.131 §40

**Members Present:** Paul Willard, Wendy Sisson, Jim Breslauer, Charlie Gorss, Otto Solbrig and George Watkins

**Others Present:** George Dimakarakos (Stamski & McNary, Inc.)

This hearing was continued from April 19, 2007 on a Notice of Intent filed on behalf of Massachusetts Housing Opportunity Corporation for site preparation including removal of vegetation, excavation and grading and construction of a stone retaining wall within the 100' wetland buffer zone at 15 Littleton Road, Harvard.

George Dimakarakos was present and requested a continuance since no new material has been submitted. Mr. Dimakarakos is still working on the response to Nitsch Engineering's review of the project.

Jim Breslauer made a motion to continue the hearing until May 17, 2007 at 9:15pm. George Watkins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Allard  
Administrative Assistant

**Harvard Conservation Commission**  
**Continuation of a Request to Amend the Order of Conditions**  
**Hearing Meeting Minutes**  
**Jeffery & Cynthia Tingle, 19 Tahanto Trail, DEP#177-475**  
**May 3, 2007**

The public hearing was opened at pm by Chairman Paul Willard under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, Ch. 131 §40 and the Harvard Wetlands Bylaw.

**Members Present:** Paul Willard, Wendy Sisson, Jim Breslauer, Charlie Gorss, Otto Solbrig and George Watkins

**Others Present:** Michael Crouse (GPR, Inc.)

This hearing was continued from April 19, 2007 on a Request to Amend the Order of Conditions, DEP#177-475 filed on behalf of Jeffery & Cynthia Tingle for additional disturbance within the 100' wetland buffer zone at 19 Tahanto Trail, Harvard.

Michael Crouse was present and explained to the members as requested a culvert has been added to the plan. The culvert has been set at a half a foot above the pond elevation.

George Watkins made a motion to close the hearing and write an Order of Conditions to include the conditions the culvert is to be installed as described on the plan at an elevation that, in times of rain it would allow the over flow to drain rather than pool on the abutting property, but would not be at an elevation that would drain the wetlands in the absence of any overflow. Charlie Gorss seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Allard  
Administrative Assistant