

**HARVARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**September 20, 2007**  
**APPROVED: March 5, 2009**

Chairman Paul Willard called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in the Hapgood Room of the former Library.

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

**Others Present:** Liz Allard (LUB Admin), Richard Breyer (Harvard Hillside), Steve Colwell, Valerie Hurley (Harvard Press), Bevlyn Beland (GPR, Inc.), Robert Marhefka and Kathryn Fricchione

**Holy Hill Bridge Repair**

Trails Coordinator, Phil Knoettner, had contacted the Commission and informed them the bridge at the Holy Hill Conservation Land is in need of repair. After a discussion Paul Willard stated he would speak with Highway Director, Rich Nota requesting he install a sign stating the bridge is under repair and use at your own risk, until work can be completed.

**Old Littleton Road - Paving Work**

Paul Willard has spoken with Highway Director, Rich Nota in regards to the paving on Old Littleton Road. Mr. Willard will review the locations that may need erosion controls with Mr. Nota.

**Thurston's Cove**

After a discussion of the previous motion in regards to the signage at Thurston's Cove, George Watkins made a motion to change the sign from "no vehicles access" to "no vehicles beyond this point". Jim Breslauer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Wendy Sisson joined the meeting at 7:14pm

**Horse Groups within Town**

Wendy Sisson informed the members that she had attended a meeting at Candy Frazer's house with equestrians to discuss use of Conservation Trails. They group is hoping to get an email list together as to aid in communications. This group is also looking to get maps together to determine the locations that are unsuitable during inclement weather.

Members agreed that they also need to address the problem with the use around open fields. Jim Breslauer asked if it made sense to write a letter to the editor explaining that the Commission is not closing trails to horses. With two reporters present the members asked that a small article be written explaining the situation. By February the Commission is hoping to have a map that designates trails that are appropriate for riding.

**Continuation of a Notice of Intent Hearing – Massachusetts Housing Opportunities Corporation, 262/264 Ayer Road, DEP#177-538, Harvard#407-4. Opened at 7:30pm**

**Harvard Conservation Trust**

Steve Colwell was present to talk to the members about an application for Community Preservation funds for this coming year by the Harvard Conservation Trust (HCT). The HCT has just been through a very expensive conservation restriction with the Dunlap land and is looking for the Commission to be a sponsor of their application to the Community Preservation Committee. This application would be for \$25,000.

Wendy Sisson made a motion for the Commission to be the sponsor of an application to the Community Preservation Fund for the securing of conservation restriction in the future, to be submitted by the Harvard Conservation Trust. Jim Breslauer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion, with exception of George Watkins who abstained.

**Nashaway Trackers**

Wendy Sisson informed the members that she has joined Nashaway Trackers. The group is planning on doing tacking around Bare Hill Pond this year.

**Ann Lees/Myric Lane Review**

Otto Solbrig had recently brought to the Commissions attention a possible wetland violation in his neighborhood. Both George Watkins and Jim Breslauer reviewed the site and feel the work being done was not in violation of the Wetland Protection Act. Mr. Watkins and Mr. Breslauer spoke with the occupants of the home and informed them of the jurisdiction the Commission has in regards to the Wetlands Protection Act.

**Minutes**

George Watkins made a motion to accept the minutes of August 16, 2007 and March 1, 2007 as amended. Charlie Gorss seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Wendy Sission made a motion to accept the minutes of February 1, 2007 and June 21, 2007 as amended. Jim Breslauer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

**Certificate of Compliance – Sullivan, 167 Prospect Hill road, DEP#177-470**

Paul Willard informed the members that he had reviewed the site at 167 Prospect Hill Road for a Certificate of Compliance and that all was in order. Wendy Sisson made a motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance for 167 Prospect Hill Road. Jim Breslauer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

**Continuation of a Notice of Intent Hearing – Paul Cherington & Deborah Krepcio, 64 Still River Road, DEP#177-542, Harvard#807-3. Opened at 8:00pm**

**Executive Session**

Jim Breslauer made a motion to go into executive session to consider the purchase of real property only to come out of executive session and resume the regular meeting. Charlie Gorss seconded the motion. Chairman Paul Willard took a roll call. The vote was unanimously in favor 6-0.

George Watkins made a motion to come out of executive session and resume the regular meeting. Jim Breslauer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of resuming the regular meeting.

**Abbreviated Notice of a Resource Area Delineation Hearing – Pleasant Properties, Inc., Old Mill Road (Map 4 Parcels 52,52.1 &52.2). Opened at 8:30pm**

**Adjournment**

George Watkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15pm. Jim Breslauer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Allard  
Administrative Assistant

**Harvard Conservation Commission**  
**Continuation Notice of Intent Hearing Meeting Minutes**  
**Massachusetts Housing Opportunities Corporation, 262/264 Ayer Road**  
**DEP#177-538, Harvard#407-4**  
**September 20, 2007**

The public hearing was opened at 7:30pm by Chairman Paul Willard under the Wetland Protection Act Chapter 131 §40

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

**Others Present:** Liz Allard (LUB Admin), Richard Breyer (Harvard Hillside), Valerie Hurley (Harvard Press) and Kathryn Fricchione

This hearing was continued from August 2, 2007 on a notice of Intent filed on behalf of Massachusetts Housing Opportunities Corporation for the construction of a 6-bedroom building, detention basin, retaining wall and associated utilities within the 100' wetland buffer zone at 262/264 Ayer Road, Harvard.

The applicant has requested the meeting be continued until the October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Jim Breslauer made a motion to continue the hearing to October 18, 2007 at 7:30pm. Wendy Sisson 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**  
**Paul Cherington & Deborah Krepcio, 64 Still River Road**  
**DEP#177-542, Harvard#807-3**  
**September 20, 2007**

The public hearing was opened at 8:30pm by Chairman Paul Willard under the Wetland Protection Act Chapter 131 §40 and the Code of the Town of Harvard, Chapter 119 Wetland Protection Bylaw

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

**Others Present:** Liz Allard (LUB Admin), Richard Breyer (Harvard Hillside) and Valerie Hurley (Harvard Press),

This hearing was continued from September 6, 2007 on a Notice of Intent filed on behalf of Paul Cherington and Deborah Krepcio for a sewage disposal system upgrade within the 100' wetland buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland at 64 Still River Road, Harvard.

The applicant's representative has requested the hearing be continued to the October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Jim Breslauer made a motion to continue the hearing to October 1, 2007 at 7:30pm. Wendy Sisson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Allard  
Administrative Assistant

**Harvard Conservation Commission**  
**Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation Hearing**  
**Pleasant Properties, Inc. Old Mill Road (Map 4 Parcels 52, 52.1 & 52.2)**  
**DEP#177-544, Harvard#907-1**  
**September 20, 2007**

The public hearing was opened at 8:30pm by Chairman Paul Willard under the Wetland Protection Act M.G.L. Chapter 131 §40 and the Code of the Town of Harvard, Chapter 119 Wetland Protection Bylaw

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

**Others Present:** Liz Allard (LUB Admin), Richard Breyer (Harvard Hillside), Valerie Hurley (Harvard Press), Bevlyn Beland (GPR, Inc.) and Robert Marhefka

This hearing is for an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation filed on behalf of Pleasant Properties, Inc. for the approval of a wetland delineation on Old Mill Road (Map 4 Parcels 52, 52.1 & 52.2), Harvard.

A new plan was submitted as well as the river/pond transition analysis. George Watkins questioned the representative's location of the start of the pond and the end of the river. Bevlyn Beland explained the pond is shaped like a pollywog with multi directional flow and the uni-directional flow is in the stream. Ms. Beland explained that due to the regulations in Harvard, regardless if it is a pond or river it has a 200 foot buffer. Mr. Watkins believes the 2001 river/pond transition analysis makes more sense. Wendy Sisson stated it does make some sense, since there are plenty of places in rivers where silt falls out. Ms Sisson agreed that the area between about 250 feet and the out flow being called pond is hard to believe. The Commission requested that the river front area be moved up to 250 feet. Ms. Beland agreed to submit a new plan showing the requested change.

Mr. Watkins stated he did not walk the rest of the property, are there any other areas that we should be concerned about. Ms. Beland further explained there is storm water run off from Ayer Road and there is another swale on Old Mill Road. Paul Willard asked if that had breakout water. Ms. Beland stated yes and the area was flagged. Mr. Willard noted this site is also habitat according to NHESP new maps.

Charlie Gorss made a motion to issue an Order of Resource Area Delineation once a revised plan is submitted. Jim Breslauer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Allard, Administrative Assistant