

**HARVARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
November 15, 2007**

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

Members Present: Paul Willard, Charlie Gorss, Don Ritchie and George Watkins

Others Present: Liz Allard (LUB Admin), Jim Lee (Park & Rec), Bill Johnson, Richard Wozmak (EnviroLogic) and Jack Mannix (EnviroLogic)

Continuation of Informal Discussion with Park & Recreation Department – Town Beach Project

Bill Johnson was present to discuss the removal of contaminated muck from the pond. Mr. Johnson stated that dredging is believed to be a 20 – 30 year process. The Committee would like to do small sections at a time over the years. The Practical Guide to Lake Management in Massachusetts has ideal information as to the dredging process. Mr. Johnson explained the process as it is described in the guide. The Committee would like to file a Notice of Intent for a small scaled project to determine how they will go about this on a larger scale. From previous boring samplings the Committee had determined how deep it is to clean sediment. This information was provided for to the Commission. Mr. Johnson stated that the three (3) locations identified for the small scale project have easy access and an acceptable dewatering area. This project will give the Committee answers to such questions as when you scoop how much does it fill in or not fill and what will it take to dewater the muck. The Committee had no idea if this project will be successful or not. Assuming one half foot muck everywhere would yield less than fifty (50) cubic yards of muck for this project. The Committee believes this is a reasonable amount to get a sense of the dewatering process for the large scale process. The plan for dewatering is to enclose the muck with hay bale and silt fence and allow it to drain back into the pond. Rich Nota, the DPW Director, has stated he will remove the muck once it is dewatered. The Commission requested a layer of fabric be placed under then muck as well as the enclosure. Paul Willard would want professional guidance on the larger scale project. Don Ritchie asked if the Committee has though of using a boom when excavating the muck to contain the sediments being stirred up. Mr. Johnson stated they had not considered the use of a boom. Mr. Ritchie stated he would like to see a boom used to control the sediments. Mr. Johnson asked what the issues are with the sediment being disturbed. The Commission stated they do not want sediment going out into other areas of the pond. Mr. Johnson agreed to use the boom when excavating. Mr. Johnson stated he would file the Notice of Intent in time for the December 6th meeting of the Commission.

Notice of Intent Hearing – Concord Oil Company, Depot Road, Harvard#1107-1.
Opened at 7:34pm

Certificates of Compliance

Paul Willard informed the members he had done several site inspections for Certificates of Compliance. Those locations included 10 Warren Avenue (DEP#177-499), 6 Partridge Hill Road (177-526 and 177-484) and 29 Whitney Road (DEP#177-495). Each location has met the requirements of the Order of Conditions. George Watkins made a motion to issue the Certificate Compliances for the above mentioned properties. Don Ritchie seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Enforcement Order – Mace 38 Peninsula Road, DEP#177-474

It has recently come to the Commission's attention that the property at 38 Peninsula Road has done clearing within the buffer zone of Bare Hill Pond. This work was not permitted in the Order of Conditions previously issued. Don Ritchie made a motion to send an Enforcement Order to the owners, Richard and Roxanne Mace. George Watkins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Extension Permit – Mace, 38 Peninsula Road, DEP#177-474

The Commission has received a Request for Extension of the Order of Conditions for Richard and Roxanne Mace, 38 Peninsula Road. Don Ritchie made a motion to extend the Order for one year. George Watkins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Adjournment

Don Ritchie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11pm. George Watkins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Allard
Administrative Assistant

**Harvard Conservation Commission
Notice of Intent Hearing Meeting Minutes
Concord Oil Company, Depot Road, Harvard#1107-1
November 15, 2007**

The public hearing was opened at 7:34pm by Chairman Paul Willard under the Wetland Protection Act, MGL Chapter 131 §40 and the Code of Harvard, Wetland Protection Bylaw, Chapter 119

Members Present: Paul Willard, Charlie Gorss, Don Ritchie and George Watkins

Others Present: Liz Allard (LUB Admin), Richard Wozmak (EnviroLogic) and Jack Mannix (EnviroLogic)

This hearing is for a Notice of Intent filed on behalf of Concord Oil Company for the excavation of oil-impacted soil and the installation of groundwater monitoring wells within the wetlands and its buffer zone at the end of Depot Road, Harvard.

Richard Wozmak explained to the Commission that the site was previously used an oil transfer facility. The tanks that previously contained heating oil were all above ground. There had been two (2) 15,000 gallon tanks owned by Concord Oil Company. In 2000 Concord Oil removed those tanks and put in monitoring wells and began soil testing. Currently, only a small impact area remains at the site. The Notice of Intent is requesting the removal of the soils in that small area. The plan will require the installation of two monitoring wells within the wetland. The wells will be installed by hand. An existing well will be re-installed in the buffer zone. Silt fencing and hay bales will be installed. Paul Willard request that the Harvard method of hay bales and silt fencing be used. There are still some concrete piers that can be removed if the Commission would like. Soils will be tested and once determined to be clean it will be combined with clean fill to fill in the areas. George Watkins asked how long the impacted soil will be stored on site. Mr. Wozmak stated for a couple of weeks, on plastic, surrounded by hay bales and covered by plastic. The testing of the stock piled material will determine where it can go. The Commission asked how far into the water table will the digging be. Mr. Wozmak stated they may get a foot into the water table. The work will be done as soon as it is permitted. Mr. Wozmak stated that the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is overseeing this activity as well. Mr. Watkins asked if the applicant was willing to allow for a time limit on the stock piling of the soils. Mr. Wozmak stated that was acceptable.

Without the issuance of a DEP file number, Don Ritchie made a motion to continue the hearing to December 6, 2007 at 7:25pm. Charlie Gorss seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Allard, Administrative Assistant