

**HARVARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 6, 2008
APPROVED: November 20, 2008**

Chairman Paul Willard called the meeting to order at 7:11pm in the Town Hall Meeting Room

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

Others Present: Liz Allard (LUB Admin)

Chapter 147 Wetland Protection Bylaw Rules Amendments

Changes were made and accepted by Commission to Chapter 147. The public hearing will be scheduled for March 20th.

Right of First Refusal – Callaghan, West Bare Hill Road

Members reviewed the right of first refusal on a piece of property situated on Bolton Road and West Bare Hill Road, consisting of 35,366 square feet of landlocked wetland. The Commission will seek additional information from the Town Administrator before making a decision to waive its right of first refusal. This will be discussed at the March 20th meeting.

ZBA Request for Comments – 38 Stow Road

Members reviewed the application for a Special Permit filed on behalf of Jessica Shlasko at 38 Stow Road for the expansion of a pre-existing non-conforming structure. The Commission had no comments on this application as submitted.

Open Space & Recreation Plan Update & Appointment of Committee

Liz Allard informed the members that she has reviewed the Open Space and Recreation Plan and is in the process of determining what items need to be updated. A number of individuals have come forward to serve on the update committee. Those individuals include Paul Willard, Mary Essary, Lorin Johnson, Molly Cutler, Roseanne Saalfeld, Jim Lee and Bob Blanck. Wendy Sisson made a motion to appoint the above mentioned individuals to the Open Space and Recreation Plan Update Committee. Don Ritchie seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Wetland Violation – Mace, 38 Peninsula Road

Wendy Sisson thinks the Commission should pursue fines for the wetland violation at 38 Peninsula Road. Ms. Sisson stated clear cutting the peninsula on Bare Hill Pond can be seen by just about everyone and the Commission should send a message that egregious violations of the Wetland Protection Act are not and will not be acceptable. Charlie Gorss suggested requiring the planting of the largest possible trees in there. Paul Willard has the name of an individual who is in the business of restoring sites like this. Mr. Willard requested Liz Allard get proof from the Mace's that the tree cutting was done by

Flagg Tree Service. Jim Breslauer likes the idea of hiring a specialist and having the applicant pay for it.

Conservation Land Trail Usage

Wendy Sisson presented a draft of a policy for horse use on Conservation Land trails. Members agreed that the policies are well written and a public hearing should be scheduled to receive any comments from the public. A public hearing will be scheduled for the March 20th meeting.

Conservation Restrictions

Wendy Sisson informed the members that a number of Conservation Restrictions still needed to be written. The Commission unanimously agreed to hire an individual to complete those restrictions as soon as possible.

Adjournment

Don Ritchie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:18pm. Wendy Sisson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Allard
Land Use Administrator/
Conservation Agent