

**HARVARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
June 5, 2008
Approved: August 7, 2008**

Vice Chair Wendy Sisson called the meeting to order at 7:02pm in the Town Hall Meeting Room

Members Present: Jim Breslauer, Charlie Gorss, Wendy Sisson and George Watkins

Others Present: Liz Allard (LUB Admin), Max Flaton, Ken Flaton, Rick Wood, Jim Roberts, Rob Bukowski (Ross Assoc.), Paul Lierhaus, Ted Van Dusen

Boy Scout Project – Bower Springs Conservation Land

Max Flaton was present to discuss with the Commission the possibility of building a boardwalk on the Bower Springs Conservation Land. The entrance to the Bare Hill Wildlife area gets very muddy in the spring. Mr. Flaton is proposing a boardwalk to be 153' in length. Mr. Flaton is seeking a portion of the funding from the Commission. The Commission recommended he speak with Al Combs about whether or not horses will use the boardwalk. If need be the boardwalks could be put to the side of the trail to allow horses to pass without using the boardwalks. Jim Breslauer asked if the area is level enough that the boardwalk will be stable. Mr. Flaton stated it should be level; however rocks may need to be removed to install the boardwalk. The members explained that the flow of water should not be obstructed by the cross bars of the boardwalk. A site walk was scheduled for June 16, 2008 at 6:00pm for the members to review the site prior to giving approval of the project.

Review Plan for Community Gardens on Conservation Land

Rick Wood was present to discuss with the Commission the plan for community gardens on the Coke land on Littleton Road. Mr. Wood stated the members of the garden have chosen fencing and Tony Shaw has tilled the area. They are currently looking into alternatives to getting water to the site from the spring. The electric fence is posted for safety reasons. Parking has been provided for approximately ten vehicles. There is no shed available for the storage of tools. Soil samples have been taken and the area is a bit acidic in the rear of the site. The Commissioners were acceptable to the plan and information submitted.

Continuation of a Request for Determination of Applicability Hearing – Boston & Maine Corporation, Harvard#0508-02. Opened at 7:40pm

Request for Determination of Applicability Hearing – James & Patricia Robert, 21 Candleberry Lane, Harvard#0508-03. Opened at 7:45pm

Minutes

George Watkins made a motion to accept the minutes of February 21, 2008 as amended. Jim Breslauer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion. George Watkins made a motion to accept the minutes of October 18, 2007 as amended. Jim Breslauer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion

George Watkins made a motion to accept the minutes of April 3, 2008 as amended. Jim Breslauer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion

Harvard Rowing Club – Boathouse

Paul Lierhaus was present to discuss the installation of a boathouse on Bare Hill Pond. Mr. Lierhaus has spoken with Park & Recreation about a location within the cove. Mr. Lierhaus wants to know if it would be possible to build a boathouse in that location. The boathouse would be a 40 x 70 structure. Wendy Sisson suggested the Commission schedule a site walk to review the site. A site walk was scheduled for June 18, 2008 at 5:00pm.

Certificate of Compliance – 181 Prospect Hill Road, DEP#177-521

Liz Allard informed the members that she has reviewed the site at 181 Prospect Hill Road for a Certificate of Compliance. The area has been stabilized and all work has been completed as permitted under the Order of Conditions. Wendy Sisson made a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance for 181 Prospect Hill Road, DEP#177-521. George Watkins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Open Space & Recreation Plan Five Year Action Plan

Liz Allard submitted a revised Five Year Action Plan to the members for their review. Any comments to the Plan should be forward to her to be incorporated into the Plan.

Adjournment

Jim Breslauer made a motion to adjourn the hearing at 8:47pm George Watkins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted

Liz Allard
Land Use Administrator/
Conservation Agent

**Harvard Conservation Commission
Continuation of a Request for Determination of Applicability Hearing
Meeting Minutes
Boston & Maine Corporation, Harvard#0508-02
June 5, 2008**

The public hearing was opened at 7:40pm by Vice Chair Wendy Sisson under the Wetland Protection Act, MGL Chapter 131 §40 and the Code of the Town of Harvard, Chapter 119 the Wetland Protection Bylaw in the Town Hall meeting room

Members Present: Jim Breslauer, Charlie Gorss, Wendy Sisson and George Watkins

Others Present: Liz Allard (LUB Admin)

This hearing was continued from May 15, 2008 on a Request for Determination of Applicability filed on behalf of Boston & Maine Corporation for the verification of the wetland boundaries along the B&M Rights of Way in the Town of Harvard.

George Watkins, Josh Gould and Liz Allard reviewed the markings on the tracks for the proposed spraying. Mr. Watkins suggested the wetland flagging be updated prior to the actual spraying. There seemed to be no relationship between marking and the wetlands. Jim Breslauer suggested a wetland scientist review the wetland line before they spray again.

George Watkins made a motion to close the hearing and issue a Negative #5 Determination to include the request that a wetland scientist review the wetland line prior to the spraying. Jim Breslauer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Allard
Land Use Administrator/
Conservation Agent

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Others Present: Liz Allard (LUB Admin), Jim Roberts and Rob Bukowski (Ross Assoc.),

This hearing is for Request for Determination of Applicability filed on behalf of the James & Patricia Robert for the upgrade of a sewage disposal system with portions of the grading within the 100' wetland buffer at 21 Candleberry Lane, Harvard

Rob Bukowski, of Ross Associates, explained to the members that the Request was for a portion of a septic system that will within the 100' wetland buffer zone. The leaching area will be outside the buffer zone. The Commission had no comments or issues with the project as proposed.

Jim Breslauer made a motion to close the hearing and issue a Negative #2 Determination. George Watkins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Allard
Land Use Administrator/
Conservation Agent