

**HARVARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
JUNE 4, 2009  
APPROVED: June 18, 2009**

Chairman Paul Willard called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in the Town Hall Meeting Room

**Members Present:** Paul Willard, Wendy Sisson, Charlie Gorss, Jim Breslauer, Don Ritchie, Jaye Waldron and Josh Gould

**Others Present:** Liz Allard (LUB Admin), Bob Douglas (Harvard Press) and Tim Clark

**Approval of Minutes**

Wendy Sisson made a motion to approve the minutes of April 2, 2009 and May 21, 2009 as amended. Jaye Waldron seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

**Nitrogen Credit Land Ayer Road Meadow**

Paul Willard stated he has been informed that the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) does not want any additional nitrogen added to the field (Ayer Road Meadow) in connection with the Wheeler Realty Trust project at 196 – 200 Ayer Road. Mr. Willard stated if Jim Pickard, the individual who hays the field currently, is willing to change from Timothy hay to alfalfa hay there should be no increase in nitrogen. Josh Gould wanted to know what the impact would be to the field to change from one crop to another. Mr. Willard stated other than tilling the field to plant the new crop, there would be minimal work done to the existing field. Wendy Sisson wants to be certain that what ever is planted in the field is safe for the flood plain. Additional information will be brought forward to the Commission in regards to placing a Conservation Restriction on this property.

**Herman Orchard**

Paul Willard informed the Commission that Chris Green would like to take down a few apple trees in the Herman Orchard to determine the extent of work involved in clearing the orchard. If the work is not too involved, Mr. Green is willing to do the work for the Commission. Josh Gould stated that the tree stumps should be left low to the ground if this project is considered. The members agreed that Chris Green could remove a few trees from the Herman Orchard and then report back to the Commission if he is willing to remove the additional apple trees.

**Potential Dog Park Location**

Tim Clark was not present to discuss potential locations for a community dog park. The members agreed that the Depot Road (Park & Rec Land) location is not a suitable location as it is too wet. The Stone Land (Conservation Land) would not be a suitable location either, as a dog park would not be considered passive recreation.

Mr. Clark arrived at the meeting and discussed the subject with the Commission. Mr. Clark explained that he was looking for a parcel that would be adjacent to the trail system. The Commission will need to look into the uses allowed on the Stone Land. Finding a suitable location for individuals with dogs to come together is a nice idea, but the use of a fence on Conservation land is not agreeable to the Commission.

### **Discuss Land Stewardship Sub-Committee Future**

Liz Allard read the emails received from the existing members of the Land Stewardship Subcommittee (LSS). The general consensus of the LSS is to take the summer off and reconvene in the fall with a clear direction from the Commission. The Commission will re-discuss this topic in late August.

### **Update on Open Space and Recreation Plan**

Liz Allard updated the members on the current state of the Open Space and Recreation Plan. Information required for the Town owned Conservation Land has been collected and now needs to be entered onto the excel spread sheets. As for the required information for the ADA, Ms. Allard stated she is looking for someone to volunteer to track down the appropriate information. It seems as if the information is not readily available and if it is not then maybe the Town will need to establish it. Jim Breslauer volunteered to look into this requirement to determine what information is available and what information may be needed from the Town.

### **Planning Board Request for Comments**

Liz Allard informed the members they have received a request for comments from the Planning Board (PB) in regards to an application for Site Plan Review at the Verizon building at 4 Littleton Road. The plan calls for the installation of a fence, similar to the existing fence, to block from view a newly installed transformer. The Commission had no comments in regards to this application. A letter will be sent to PB expressing that the Commission had no comments.

### **Tree Removal on Glenview Drive**

Liz Allard informed the members that she had made several attempts to have the Highway Department remove a fallen tree from Conservation Land onto a Glenview Drive property with no follow through. Don Ritchie and Josh Gould stated they would take care of the tree for the homeowner.

### **Enforcement Order – 307 Still River Road, DEP#177-555**

Liz Allard explained to the Commission that in error the Enforcement Order (EO) was addressed to Harvard instead of Still River, causing a delay in the homeowner receiving the EO. Because of that delay, Ms. Allard agreed to allow the homeowner an additional week to remove the fill that was placed adjacent to the wetland. The deadline to resolve that issue has been extended to June 16, 2009. However, the request to extend the deadline of the revised plan was denied after Ms. Allard spoke with Dan Wolfe at Ross Associates, who assured her he could complete and submit a revised plan by the June 30, 2009 deadline.

#### Willard Shores Enforcement Order

Liz Allard informed the members that she still has not received a filing of a Notice of Intent from Willard Shores for the work that was done without a permit and the stabilization of the slope. The members agreed that a letter should be sent to Willard Shores with a deadline of July 27, 2009 for filing the require Notice of Intent.

#### **Storm Damage Clearing on the Dunlap Land**

Josh Gould informed the members that the Dunlap land has a number of downed trees and branches from the December ice storm that he willing to clean up. The Commission thanked Mr. Gould for volunteering to do the work to clean the area and agreed to allow him to do said work.

#### **Adjournment**

Josh Gould made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34pm. Jim Breslauer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Allard  
Land Use Administrator/  
Conservation Agent