

**HARVARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**August 6, 2009**  
**APPROVED: August 20, 2009**

Chairman Paul Willard called the meeting to order at 7:01pm in the Town Hall Meeting Room

**Members Present:** Paul Willard, Don Ritchie, Jim Breslauer and Jaye Waldron

**Others Present:** Liz Allard (LUB Admin), Bruce Leicher (BHPWMC), Jeff Ritter (BHPWMC) and Bill Johnson (BHPWMC)

**Minutes**

Jim Breslauer made a motion to approve the June 18, 2009 minutes as written. Don Ritchie seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the minutes.

**Fruitland Request for Sponsorship of Community Preservation Application**

Fruitlands Museum has requested the Commission to be an applicant sponsor for them on an application to the Community Preservation Committee. Jim Breslauer wanted to know what makes Fruitlands any different than any other land owner in Town, couldn't any large land owner could make the same request. The members agreed that sponsoring an application for a non-town entity would not be advantageous. Jim Breslauer made a motion to not approve the sponsorship request made by Fruitlands as a sponsor to their Community Preservation Committee application. Jaye Waldron seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

**Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee Update, DEP#177-551**

Members of the Bare Hill Pond Watershed Committee (BHPWMC) were present to discuss the annual report and approve the start of this years draw down. Bruce Leicher explained there have been two changes to the draw down this year. First, the rowing team has asked that the approach be changed to accommodate their season. With that the BHPWMC tried to come up with an approach that will not affect the environment, but hold the goal of a four feet draw down by October 30<sup>th</sup>. The BHPWMC is certain they will be able to maintain a six foot draw down by the November 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. Jim Breslauer asked if there has been any indication of zebra mussels. Mr. Leicher stated the likelihood of them in this environment is low, which has to do with the reproduction cycle. The second change would be to attempt the six foot draw down. Factors that could deter that goal are damage to the mussel population, the pump capacity and a freeze date. Mr. Leicher stated previous draw downs are not showing an impact on the wildlife.

The Commission thanked the BHPWMC for the work they have done and continue to do. Don Ritchie made a motion to approve the start of the 2009 draw down of Bare Hill Pond in Mid October by gravity, to be held at four feet until October 30<sup>th</sup> at which time the remainder of the draw down will be conducted with the use of the pump system. If the Committee decides to extend the draw down beyond the five foot level, it will come to

the Commission prior to starting. Jaye Waldron seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

**Adjournment**

Jim Breslauer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44pm. Don Ritchie seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Allard  
Land Use Administrator/  
Conservation Agent