

**HARVARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2009
APPROVED: October 15, 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, Jaye Waldron and Josh Gould

Others Present: Liz Allard (LUB Admin), Tim Firment (Fruitland's) Matt Waterman (LandTech), Kathy Farrell and Worth Robbins (Harvard Press)

Park & Recreation Request for Cross Country Event

The Commission received an email from John Lee from the Park and Recreation Department asking about using the trail on Depot Road for a cross country event with children under 12 years of age. The area is currently flooded and Mr. Lee wanted to know if it is a plugged culvert or a beaver dam. The Commission will need to take a look to see what is flooding the trail. Josh Gould stated he would review the site to determine what is causing the flooding. Wendy Sisson asked that a message be sent to Mr. Lee recommending an alternate location be determined in the event that the flooding is being caused by a beaver dam. Worth Robbins suggested Fruitland's as an alternate location. Time Firment from Fruitland's was present and agreed that they would be willing to allow Park and Recreation to use their trails. This information will be passed on to Mr. Lee.

ZBA Request for Comments – Farrell 119 Tahanto Trail

The Commission has received a request for comments from the ZBA in regards to an application submitted for the extension of an existing Special Permit for Kathryn Farrell at 119 Tahanto Trail. Mrs. Farrell's Notice of Intent is on tonight's agenda. A letter will be sent to the ZBA stating an Order of Conditions should be issued shortly, which will include any special conditions required by the Commission.

Planning Board Request for Amendments for 2010 Annual Town Meeting

A letter was received from the Planning Board (PB) requesting recommendations for amendments to the Protective Bylaw for the 2010 Annual Town Meeting. Liz Allard stated she has informed the PB of the Commission's intent on submitting a Stormwater Management Bylaw for the 2010 ATM. The PB is in support of such a Bylaw.

Dean's Hill Conservation restriction

Liz Allard had been contacted by Nick Holland who is looking for the Dean's Hill Conservation Restriction to finish up his report on the area. Wendy Sisson stated she will follow up with George Watkins who was previously working on this restriction.

Approve Fiscal Year 2011 Community Preservation Committee Application

Liz Allard has completed the application for funding from the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). At Charlie Gorss's suggestion the application requests \$200,000 for the Conservation Fund. Members asked Mr. Gorss where he came up with that number. Mr. Gorss stated in a review of the CPC files he noticed this was the amount routinely requested in years past by the Commission. Mr. Gorss further explained that the funds available this year from CPC will be limited more than in previous years.

Wendy Sisson made a motion to approve the submittal of the Community Preservation Application for funding in the sum of \$200, 000 for the Conservation Fund. Jaye Waldron seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Fruitland's Request for Sponsorship of a Community Preservation Application

At the previous meeting members asked for additional time to review the information received from Fruitland's in regards to their request for sponsorship of a Community Preservation application. Wendy Sisson asked if what is being planned at Fruitland's is the development of more land for ecological uses. Tim Firment explained the idea is that the study will lead to another WHIP grant for the reclaiming of such areas as the meadow from a previous Christmas tree field. Ms. Sisson asked if the Audubon study stated what type of wildlife was using the north meadow. Mr. Firment stated it did, but it is a ten year old plan that Fruitland's wants to update. Ms. Sisson asked if the north meadow would be contiguous with other meadows. Mr. Firment stated yes. Ms. Sisson asked if the new study would have that objective in mind, that being developing the additional meadow area. Mr. Firment stated that is Fruitland's intent.

With no further questions or comments from the Commission Josh Gould made a motion to re-consider the vote to sponsor Fruitland's on a Community Preservation application. There was no second to Mr. Gould's motion. Paul Willard informed Mr. Firment that the original decision not to sponsor Fruitland's will remain unchanged.

Notice of Intent Hearing – Kathryn Farrell, 119 Tahanto Trail, DEP#177-567, Harvard#0909-01. Opened at 7:32pm

Approve Volunteer Work on Holy Hill by Ron Kusner

Paul Willard has spoken with Rich Nota who is all right with Ron Kusner doing the mowing needed on the Holy Hill land. The payment for the rental of the mower shall come out of the Highway Department's budget since they are unable to get to the mowing this year.

Adjournment

Josh Gould made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm. Paul Willard seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted, Liz Allard Land Use Administrator/Conservation Agent

**Harvard Conservation Commission
Notice of Intent Hearing Meeting Minutes
Kathryn Farrell, 119 Tahanto Trail, DEP#177-567, Harvard#0909-01
September 17, 2009**

The public hearing was opened at 7:32pm by Chairman Paul Willard under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, Ch. 131 §40 and the Harvard Wetland Bylaw, Code of the Town of Harvard, Chapter 119 in the Town Hall Meeting Room

Members Present: Paul Willard, Charlie Gorss, Wendy Sisson, Jaye Waldron and Joshua Gould

Others Present: Liz Allard (LUB Admin), Matt Waterman (LandTech) and Kathy Farrell

This hearing is for a Notice of Intent filed on behalf of Kathryn Farrell for additions to an existing dwelling and new sewage disposal system within 200' of Bowers Brook at 119 Taranto Trail, Harvard.

A site walk was conducted on Monday September 14th. This Notice of Intent is for work within the 200' riverfront. There is no proposed work within the 100' buffer zone for the bordering vegetated wetland. Matt Waterman explained the leach field was reduced by using a fast type system. Mr Waterman believes the septic system will be installed first prior to the addition to the house. This will reduce the amount of required clearing on the west side of the house. Board of Health approval has been received. The Commission agreed that the site would only require a silt fence, rather than hay bales and silt fencing. The Commission would prefer the access to the septic system be obtained from the east side of the house. A pre-construction meeting shall take place to determine the proper access for the installation of the septic system. If access can be gained from the east side of the house, the silt fence on the western side can be reduced and brought up to the corner of the house. The deck is to be constructed on piers. If the project is phased the silt fence will require an additional inspection prior to construction continuing. Liz Allard explained the site has a substantial berm between the work area and Bowers Brook.

Josh Gould made a motion to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions to include the above mentioned conditions. Wendy Sisson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Allard, Land Use Administrator/Conservation Agent