

**HARVARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
June 2, 2011
APPROVED: January 19, 2012**

Vice Chair Wendy Sisson called the meeting to order at 7:01pm in the Town Hall Meeting Room

Members Present: Wendy Sisson, Charlie Gorss, Don Ritchie, Jim Breslauer, Patrick Doherty and Janet (Jaye) Waldron

Others Present: Liz Allard (LUB Admin), John & Vicki Burns and Jeff Richards (Transformation, Inc.)

Discuss Potential Wetland Violation – 42 East Bare Hill Road

John and Vicki Burns were present to discuss recent activity on their property within the wetland buffer zone. Mr. Burns explained that he recently had some maintenance done that included the removal of multi-flora rose by the existing stonewall. The contractor went beyond the scope of work they had intended, however the disturbance created was minimal and the area is relatively flat to the resource area.

Vicki Burns stated that the existing culvert under the road along with the berm along the roadway have been destroyed by winter plowing and are now causing erosion into the pond. Mr. & Mrs. Burns would like to have the berm restored to eliminate the filling in of the pond with road sand. The pond has not been dredged in a long time and is slowly filling in with sediment and vegetation. The Commission suggested speaking with the Department of Public Works Director, Rich Nota to resolve the drainage situation.

The Commission further discussed the plantings the Burns would like to do within the buffer zone. The Commission recommended confirming the types of plants used with the Agent to avoid the introduction of invasive species in that area.

Continuation of a Notice of Intent Hearing – Transformations, Inc., Stow Road (Map 36 Parcels 85 & 86.1), DEP#177-586, Harvard#1010-01. Opened at 7:30pm.

Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee Update

Jaye Waldron updated the Commission on the recent Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee meeting. The Committee is looking for good mechanics for the harvester should anyone know of someone. There have been two fishing derbies recently and it has been stated that Bare Hill Pond is the best in the State for bass fishing. There are currently three pairs of herons on the pond.

As for the Storm Water Management project, the Committee is now on board with the removal of the turf re-enforcement matting at BHP-3. A punch list of items still needed to be completed or fixed for this project has been submitted by Horsley-Whitten for the Commission's review. Don Ritchie will review the document with Liz Allard next week.

ZBA Request for Comments – Bobzin, 76 Old Mill Road

An application for a Special Permit has been received by the ZBA for a proposed accessory apartment within an existing structure at 76 Old Mill Road. The Commission has no comments as submitted to the plan. A letter shall be sent to the ZBA in that regard.

Minutes

Jim Breslauer made a motion to approve the minutes of April 7, 2011 as amended. Jaye Waldron seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Open Space & Recreation Plan Implementation Committee Update of Goals

Patrick Doherty requested that the members review their assigned goals of the Open Space and Recreation Plan and make any comments to him by July 7, 2011. If no comments are received Mr. Doherty will assume that the assignments are approved by the individual members. Jim Breslauer stated he had reviewed his assignments and is okay with his portion.

Adjournment

Jim Breslauer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42pm. Don Ritchie 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 Notice of Intent Hearing Meeting Minutes
Transformations Inc., Stow Road (Map 36 Parcels 85 &86.1)
DEP#177-586, Harvard#1010-01
June 2, 2011

The public hearing was opened by Vice Chair Wendy Sisson under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL Chapter 131 §40 Bylaw in the Town Hall Meeting Room

Members Present: Wendy Sisson, Don Ritchie, Charlie Gorss, Jim Breslauer, Janet Waldron and Patrick Doherty

Others Present: Liz Allard (LUB Admin)

This hearing was continued from May 5, 2011 on a Notice of Intent filed on behalf of Transformations, Inc. for the construction of a roadway, 17 residential buildings, septic system and public water supply source within the 100' wetland buffer zone, to include the installation of a new culvert along an intermittent stream.

Jeff Richards was present to request that the hearing being continued to the next meeting of the Commission as the engineers are still working out the details of the Storm Water Management. Jim Breslauer made a motion to continue the hearing at the request of the applicant to June 16, 2011 at 8:30pm. Don Ritchie seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Allard
Land Use Administrator/
Conservation Agent