

**HARVARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
MARCH 29, 2012  
APPROVED: June 21, 2012**

Chairman Paul Willard called the meeting to order at 7:02pm in the Town Hall Meeting Room

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

**Others Present:** Liz Allard (LUB Admin), Rainer Fucus, Marsha Wilcox and Matt Bombaci (GPR, Inc.)

**Request to use the Williams Land for Dog Training**

Marsha Wilcox, along with Rainer Fucus were present to seek permission to conduct dog training on the Williams Conservation Land on Stow Road. Ms. Wilcox stated she and her group have been training dogs for the past ten years on this land. The group that trains out there are golden retriever owners. Wendy Sisson stated the Commission is very low key when it comes to this type of activity. Currently the Commission does not have regulations that require permission to use the land. The concern in that field is the ground nesting birds. Bob-a-links have since left the area, which could be attributed to the dog training. Ms. Sisson requested on behalf of the Commission that from April 1<sup>st</sup> – August 1<sup>st</sup> dogs are kept on leash. Ms. Sisson asked how many dogs are in the field at a time. Ms. Wilcox stated eight to ten dogs at a time, with some owners having multiply dogs. They use chairs and blinds to train the dogs; there is no shooting in this area. Ms. Sisson asked if the dogs use the pond on the land. Ms. Wilcox stated yes. Ms. Sisson had no issues with the use of the pond. Ms. Sisson explained where the butterfly habitat has been located (see March 15, 2012 minutes) and stated the Commission would not want a lot of trotting or training in that area. Ms. Sisson asked when the training typically takes place. Ms. Wilcox stated usually on the weekends, more often on Sunday. Members agreed that formal written permission should be obtained for the activity from the Commission. Liz Allard will check with the Town of Boxboro to determine what they require and how they permit the activity.

Wendy Sisson made a motion to allow the Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston the use of the Williams Land on Stow Road for dog training on the weekends August – April, not more than once a month, with permission through the Conservation Agent. Charlie Gorss seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

**Turtle Crossing Signs**

Liz Allard informed the members that she had been contacted by Mario Cardenas in regards to turtle crossing signs around Town. Mr. Cardenas would like to see the signs return this year and had suggestions for other locations around Town. Ms. Allard wondered if the Commission would prefer permanent signage or hand made signs by local school children. Members suggested that Ms. Allard determine a cost for permanent signage through such places as the Vernal Pool Association. The Commission would be willing to contribute to the cost of preparing the signs done by local school children as well.

**Notice of Intent Hearing – D’Boss & Son Builders, 133 Clinton Shore Road, DEP#177-608, Harvard#0312-01.** Opened at 7:31pm

**Planning Board Request for Comments – Sinka, 23 Mill Road**

Liz Allard explained to the members the request for comments from the Planning Board (PB) in regards to a Scenic Road application. The site currently has an Order of Conditions as a small portion of the buffer zone is on the site from a resource area across the road. The Commission would like to have any disturbed areas stabilized as quickly as possible to avoid invasive species from establishing. A letter will be sent to the PB in this regards.

### **Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee Update**

Jaye Waldron attend the recent meeting of the Committee. Ms. Waldron stated the Committee noted the refill of Bare Hill Pond had been ahead of where it was last year, but has fallen 6" behind as of late. The new boards in the dam are still allowing water to flow through to the down stream wetland; which Bruce Leicher checks on twice a week. Wendy Sisson stated there is a rate that is required to be flowing through there under the Order of Conditions. Ms. Waldron stated the contactors are hauling the dredged material out this week to the gravel pit on Stow Road. In addition the Park & Recreation Department will be holding a public meeting on the proposed stormwater management facilities proposed for the beach area. Liz Allard asked about the maintenance of the existing stormwater management facilities. Ms. Waldron stated there was no mention of that at the meeting. Ms. Allard asked the Commission's permission to gather the required information for Ms. Waldron to bring to the Committee in regards to the maintenance of the existing stormwater management facilities. The Commission agreed to the request.

### **Discuss & Sign Enforcement Order – Department of Public Works**

Liz Allard explained that at Jim Breslauer's request she has prepared two Enforcement Orders (EO); one that is addressed to the Department of Public Works and one that is addressed to Rich Nota individually and as Director, Town of Harvard Department of Public Works. The Commission agreed that the EO should be directed to Rich Nota. Paul Willard made a motion to sign and issue the Enforcement Order as prepared. Charlie Gorss seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

### **Williams Pond Culvert Repair**

Liz Allard explained she has received communication from the Department of Public Works Director, Rich Nota, in regards to the failing culvert at the Williams Pond on Stow Road. Mr. Nota has indicated that the DPW might be able to do the work. Ms. Allard will prepare a reserve fund transfer request to be signed by Mr. Nota to be submitted to the Finance Committee to prepare the required engineering work for the repair. Ms. Allard can file the Notice of Intent with the Commission once the plans have been received. Wendy Sisson stated she would like to see a beaver deceiver installed in that location. Paul Willard stated it depends on the depth of water to have the deceiver work and he's not certain that area has the depth. Ms. Allard will work with the engineer to determine if this is a good location for the deceiver.

### **Update on Hoch Land Purchase**

Liz Allard informed the members that she had contacted Town Counsel, Mark Lanza, after the last meeting with the counter offer the Commission had made on the land on Still River Road. Ms. Allard has not heard back from Attorney Lanza.

### **Land Stewardship Subcommittee Update**

Wendy Sisson stated she will prepare a table for Town Meeting that will help with community outreach of the invasive species project the Commission is seeking Community Preservation Act funds for. Ms. Sisson reminded members of the walk set up for Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am to review the sites at which invasive species control will take place.

Ms. Sisson has also spoken with the Garden Club and has offered to go out to the sites with them as well. In addition, Ms. Sisson has reserved Volunteers Hall on May 1<sup>st</sup> for a presentation by the weed specialist from UMASS. There is no cost for the speaker, but he has asked to have his mileage reimbursed. Commission members were agreeable with that request.

The Land Stewardship Subcommittee would like to establish their own web site and have estimated it to be at a cost of \$60.00 per year. Wendy Sisson made a motion to allocate an estimate \$60.00 per year for a website for the Land Stewardship Subcommittee. Jaye Waldron seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Charlie Gorss made a motion to re-appoint Dave Kay, Marc Sevigny and Jim Adelson to the Subcommittee. Jaye Waldron seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Ms. Sisson requested an allocation of \$50.00 for the purchase of six "No Horses" signs to be installed in various locations around Town. Paul Willard made a motion to allocate \$50.00 for the purchase of additional signage. Jaye Waldron seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

**Adjournment**

Charlie Gorss made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15pm. Jaye Waldron 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  
D'Boss & Son Builders, 133 Clinton Shore Road, DEP#177-608, Harvard#0312-01  
March 29, 2012**

Chairman Paul Willard opened the public hearing at 7:31pm under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act M.G.L. Chapter 131 §40 and the Harvard Wetland Protection Bylaw, Chapter 119 of the Code of the Town of Harvard in the Town Hall Meeting Room

**Members Present:** Paul Willard, Wendy Sisson, Charlie Gorss, Jaye Waldron and Patrick Doherty

**Others Present:** Liz Allard (LUB Admin) and Matt Bombaci (GPR, Inc.)

This hearing is for a Notice of Intent filed on behalf of D'Boss & Son Builders for the installation of an under drain to protect an existing dwelling within 200' of Bare Hill Pond at 133 Clinton Shore Road, Harvard.

Matt Bombaci, GRP, Inc., was present to represent the applicant. Mr. Bombaci explained the dwelling has been gutted due to water damage caused by a frozen pipe. The proposed plan is for the installation of an under drain at the rear of structure. The application request a waiver to allow disturbance within 50' of the resource area, since the entire house is within the 50' buffer zone. Mr. Bombaci does not anticipate much water being released from the drain on a regular basis, it is a precautionary measure. The Commission however requested a flare of stone at the outflows to reduce erosion into the pond.

With no further questions or comments Wendy Sisson made a motion to allow the waiver, close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions based on the plan dated March 14, 2012 with the addition of stone at the end of both outflows to avoid erosion down to the pond. Charlie Gorss seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Allard  
Land Use Administrator/  
Conservation Agent

## DOCUMENTS & OTHER EXHIBITS

### **Notice of Intent Hearing – D’Boss & Son Builders, 133 Clinton Shore Road, DEP#177-608, Harvard#0312-01**

- ❖ WPA Form 3 Notice of Intent, 133 Clinton Shore Drive Harvard, MA, March 2012
- ❖ Residential Improvements Site Plan, 133 Clinton Shore Drive Harvard, MA JOB 121021, March 2012