

**HARVARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
MAY 2, 2013
APPROVED: June 20, 2013**

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

Members Present: Paul Willard, Jim Breslauer, Wendy Sisson, Don Ritchie and Joanne Ward

Others Present: Liz Allard (LUB Admin), J.P. Connolly (GPR, Inc.) and Gary Watjus

Approve Minutes

Joanne Ward made a motion to approve the Minutes of April 4th and 18th as amended. Jim Breslauer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Issue Certificates of Compliance

Liz Allard stated the Commission received a Request for a Certificate of Compliance for the Department of Public Works project at the Bare Hill Pond dam, DEP#177-591. Ms. Allard has reviewed the site and found it to be in compliance with the Order of Conditions. Jim Breslauer made a motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance for DEP#177-591. Don Ritchie seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Approval of Bills

Liz Allard stated the Commission had no current bills for approval.

Discuss Potential Wetland Violation on Oak Hill Road

As previously requested, members of the Commission reviewed the property at the corner of Oak Hill Road and Pinnacle Road for wetland violations. Paul Willard stated the work taking place on the property is the same thing the property owner has been doing for last twenty years, which includes clearing the trench from the culvert that runs under Pinnacle Road to the pond on the property. Don Ritchie stated the work going on at the site is beyond keeping the water flowing; the understory has all but been removed and seeded. Both Mr. Ritchie and Jim Breslauer stated the activity has to discontinue; if the property owner wishes to do activity in and around resource areas he needs to apply for the proper permits. Mr. Ritchie stated additional trenches have been dug. Wendy Sisson agreed the activity is a problem and should not be done without the proper permission. The Commission agreed that a letter should be sent to the owner explaining the activities that are and are not allowed, request a site visit to review those activities and further explain the permitting process.

Discuss Wetland Violation at 23 Tahanto Trail

Liz Allard stated Joe Theriault was unable to attend this evening due to a conflict. Members agreed they prefer Mr. Theriault be present during the discussion of the matter, therefore the item will remain on the agenda.

Review & Approve Conservation Restriction for Hoch

Liz Allard has incorporated some of the revisions suggested by Wendy Sisson. Ms. Sisson stated she will wrap up her revisions to the restriction prior to the next meeting for final approval.

Notice of Intent Hearing – Jill Realty Trust, 231 Ayer Road, DEP#177-616, Harvard#0413-01.
Opened at 7:30pm

Executive Session

Jim Breslauer made a motion that the Conservation Commission go into executive session pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(6) to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property in which a public discussion of these matters will have a

detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Commission, only to adjourn the meeting once the discussion is complete. Don Ritchie seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Paul Willard, aye; Wendy Sisson, aye, Don Ritchie, aye; Jaye Waldron, aye; Jim Breslauer, aye; Joanne Ward, aye

Adjournment

After executive session, Don Ritchie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02pm. Jim Breslauer 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
Jill Realty Trust, 231 Ayer Road, DEP#177-616, Harvard#0413-01
May 2, 2013**

The public hearing was opened at 7:30pm by Chairman Paul Willard under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, Ch. 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, Jim Breslauer, Wendy Sisson, Don Ritchie and Joanne Ward

Others Present: Liz Allard (LUB Admin), J.P. Connolly (GPR, Inc.) and Gary Watjus

This hearing is for a Notice of Intent filed on behalf of Jill Realty Trust for upgrades to an existing septic system within the 200' riverfront area and the 100' wetland buffer zone at 231 Ayer Road, Harvard

J.P. Connolly, from GPR, Inc., was present to represent the applicant, Gary Watjus, who was also present. Mr. Connolly explained the application is for the replacement of the existing septic system to bring it up to compliance. The existing system is within the 200' riverfront area and the 75' wetland buffer zone. The proposed system will also be within 200', but outside 100' wetland buffer zone. Grading work will encroach on 100' wetland buffer zone. There will be no disturbance of wetland or the existing vegetation. The dosing chamber and septic tanks are located under a paved area within the existing parking area, and will require replacement. The new septic system will be an improvement over the existing system, as the proposed system will be less intrusive on the wetland buffer zone, thereby limiting potential of degradation of wetlands. Members had several questions that were answered by Mr. Connolly about the design and function of the system.

With no further questions or comments, Wendy Sisson made a motion to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions with the standard special conditions. Jim Breslauer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Allard
Land Use Administrator/
Conservation Agent

DOCUMENTS & OTHER EXHIBITS

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- ❖ Subsurface Sewage Disposal System New Construction, Site Plan and Flow Profile, 231 Ayer Road, Harvard, MA, Prepared for Jill Realty Trust, 231 Ayer Road, Harvard, MA 01451, Job 101032, dated April 2013