HARVARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES OF MEETING JUNE 5, 2014 APPROVED: JUNE 19, 2014

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, Jim Breslauer, Jaye Waldron, Joanne Ward and Jim Saalfield (Associate Member)

Others Present: Stephen Sears (Ross Assoc.), Pam Durrant, Molly Cutler, Laura Andrews and Susan Bigelow

Discuss Right of First Refusal with Harvard Conservation Trust – 121 Old Littleton RoadJim Breslauer made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the possible purchase of real property, the public discussion of which could have detrimental effects on the negotiating position, only to resume the public meeting once completed. Charlie Gorss seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Jim Breslauer, aye, Charlie Gorss, aye, Joanne Ward, aye, Wendy Sisson, aye, Jaye Waldron aye, Paul Willard aye.

Public meeting resumed at 7:40pm

Request for Determination of Applicability Hearing – Lorrie Bollinger, 75 Woodside Road, Harvard#0514-01. Opened at 7:42pm

Request for a *De Minimus* Change to the Order of Conditions, 278 Stow Road DEP#177-596 Members discussed the request for a *De Minimus* change to the Order of Conditions, which is for the removal of one tree within the resource area, which has died, with no obvious bird habitat in place. Joanne Ward made a motion to allow the removal of the tree as a *De Minimus* change to the Order of Conditions for DEP#177-596. Charlie Gorss seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Master Plan Steering Committee Update.

Jaye Waldron reminded everyone of the Master Plan survey which closes tomorrow. Working papers on each aspect of the master plan are being drafted. When the conservation working paper is given to the steering committee, Ms. Waldron will circulate it to Conservation Commission members. The hope is to have the Master Plan finished by the end of the year.

Review Forestry Cutting Plan 125-6700-14 Cruft Lane

Jaye Waldron spoke to the state forester who approved the plan. Leo Garneau prepared the plan and was unaware that it was a wet meadow when he developed the plan. The state forester agreed that a plan must retain its use, if it was forest and then clear-cut, all that could be done is planting trees, not for other agriculture. Wendy Sisson is concerned about the area near Bowers brook which was clear-cut. Other members stated they would go to Cruft Lane and view that area.

Wetland Violation Snyder, 97 Woodside Road

Liz Allard spoke to the landowner and asked him to keep woodchips out of the wetland and Wendy Sisson spoke to him about invasives. He was cooperative.

Paul Willard left the meeting at 8:50pm

Executive Session

Jim Breslauer made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the possible purchase of real property, the public discussion of which could have detrimental effects on the negotiating position, only to adjourn the public meeting once completed. Charlie Gorss seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken: Jim Breslauer, aye, Charlie Gorss, aye, Joanne Ward, aye, Wendy Sisson, aye, Jaye Waldron aye.

Adjournment

After the executive session, Charlie Gorss made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25pm. Joanne Ward seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Breslauer

Harvard Conservation Commission Request for Determination of Applicability Hearing Meeting Minutes Laurie Bollinger, 75 Woodside Road, Harvard#0514-02 June 5, 2014

The public hearing was opened at 7:42pm 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, Charlie Gorss, Wendy Sisson, Jaye Waldron, Joanne Ward and Jim Saalfield (Associate Member)

Others Present: Stephen Sears (Ross Assoc.)

This hearing is for a Request for Determination of Applicability filed on behalf of Laurie Bollinger for the replacement of an existing septic tank and pump chamber within the 100' wetland buffer zone at 75 Woodside Road, Harvard.

Members of the Commission visited the site on May 19th. The existing leaching area is outside the 100' buffer zone, and will be replaced in the same location. The pump chamber and storage tank will be 56 feet from the wetland. The area in which work will take place is an existing lawn area. Wendy Sisson stated that the proponent will need to install good siltation control and perform work while area is dry – not in rain or shortly thereafter.

With no further questions or comments, Wendy Sisson made a motion to close the hearing and issue a negative three Determination of Applicability with the conditions that erosion control is well established before work commences and that the work is not done while ground saturated or very wet. Jaye Waldron seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Breslauer