

**HARVARD PLANNING BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 7, 2010  
APPROVED: July 19, 2010**

Chairman Joe Sudol opened the meeting at 7:33pm in the Town Hall Meeting Room under M.G.L. Chapter 40A

**Members Present:** Joe Sudol, Craig Bardenheuer, Lisa Fox, Wayne McFarland and Michelle Catalina (Associate Member)

**Others Present:** Liz Allard (LUB Admin), Christian Bilodeau (Tree Warden), Rob Oliva (Hamwey Engineering), Bruce Ringwall (GPR, Inc.), Greg Johnson (Bluefin), Matt Johnson, Jim & Karen Piper, Peter Del Tredici, John McDonald, Nat Beale, Ann Marie Norcross and Mitch Norcross

**Board Members Reports – Committee Activities**

Bardenheuer attended the Montachusett Joint Transportation Committee meeting held at Montachusett Regional Planning Commission (MRPC) on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Bardenheuer learned that Harvard is low on the list for road improvements to Routes 110 and 111.

There is also a project on the TIP list to improve the entrance and exit lanes to Route 2 for exits in Harvard and Lancaster. The MJTC believes this to be a good project and has suggested (via Bardenheuer) that the Town the likelihood of the project being taken up by expressing support for the project in writing to MRPC.

As for the improvements at the Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge, no one at MRPC has any information about this project. Allard stated she followed up with Peter Lowitt on that subject who informed her that the Visitors Station was in the US Fish Wildlife Service ten year plan for the Oxbow that went through extensive public comment a few years back, although no detail was provided. There is some money in their budget for a visitor center, but it is insufficient for the project in their ten year plan. They are considering a reduced center off Lake George Street within the DREZ and if that were to come to pass, the DEC would hold a public hearing on the project, so there would further opportunities for public comment on the proposal.

**Long Range Planning Committee Representative**

Sudol stated the School Committee is seeking a representative from the Planning Board for their Long Range Planning Committee. Fox volunteered to represent the Planning Board.

**Approval of Minutes**

Fox made a motion to accept the minutes of May 17, 2010 as written. McFarland seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

**Review Commercial Zone Bylaw Structure**

Sudol asked the members to review the following sections of the Protective Bylaw for possible amendment at the 2011 Annual Town Meeting: ARV-SP (125-52), Land Structure relations (125-30), commercial uses Permitted uses in the commercial district (125-23). The Board will begin reviewing these sections in more detail in July.

**Economic Development Committee (EDC)**

Sudol informed the members that the Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting on Tuesday night will create the Economic Development Committee (EDC), potentially consisting of three members, that being a Planning Board member, a BOS member and a third nominee. It is possible that Leo Blair will be asked to join as the third member.