

**HARVARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
MARCH 3, 2022
APPROVED: MARCH 17, 2022**

Chair Don Ritchie called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, virtually, pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, An Act Relative to Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency and signed into law on June 16, 2021, under MGL Chapter 131 §40 Wetland Protection Act and Code of the Town of Harvard Chapter 119 Wetland Protection Bylaw

Members Present: Don Ritchie, Paul Willard, Wendy Sisson, Jaye Waldron, Joanne Ward and Mark Shaw

Others Present: Liz Allard (Land Use Boards Administrator/Conservation Agent), Peter Dorward (Open Space Committee), Lucy Wallace (Harvard Climate Initiative Committee)

Recommendation for Open Space Committee Representative

With the current Conservation Commission representative, Peter Dorward, not in attendance the Commission decide to hold off any discussions until he was available.

Harvard Climate Initiative Committee Outreach

Jaye Waldron explained to the Commission the newly created Harvard Climate Initiative Committee (HCIC) is working to create a climate action plan that centers around mitigation and adaption. With this plan the HCIC is seeking to establish goals and actions that are attainable and that can reach the Town's goals outline in the October 2021 Climate Resolution. This is intended to be a collaborative effort between municipal operations and residents. The six areas targeted, that reflect the Commonwealth's goals are: Buildings, Energy, Transportation, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Preparedness. Each of these six areas have one goal for municipal operations and one goal for residents, with typically two action items per goal.

With the protection of natural resources, being a key element in the work of the Commission, it's only logical that the goal under Natural Resources could be achieved by the Conservation Commission. The goal as determined by the HCIC is *to increase the resilience of Harvard's ecosystem and community through the coordinated implementation of nature-based solutions*. HCIC is seeking feedback not only on the proposed goal, but the four priority actions they have crafted as well.

With a staff and a few of the Commission members attending workshops held by the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissioners over the next two weeks, with lots of focus on the climate, it was determined the Commission would revisit the goal and priority actions in a few weeks in order to provide appropriate feedback to the HCIC.

Continuation of a Request to Amend the Order of Conditions – Luciano Manganella, 175 Littleton County Road, DEP#177-694. Opened at 7:47pm

Recommendation for Open Space Committee Representative, Revisited

With the arrival of Peter Dorward, the Commission revisited this topic. Mr. Dorward stated the Open Space Committee (OSC) has requested the Select Board allow the OSC to become a standing Committee, as their current charge was for two-years, which is set to end on June 30, 2022. In anticipation the Select Board will be amenable to that request member of the OSC were asked to return their prospective boards/committees for the recommendation of reappointment. Joanne Ward made a motion to recommend to the Select Board the re-appointment of Peter Dorward as the Conservation Commission's representative on the Open Space Committee. Paul Willard seconded the motion. The vote was

unanimously in favor of the motion by a roll call, Wendy Sisson, aye; Jaye Waldron, aye; Joanne Ward, aye; Paul Willard, aye; Mark Shaw, aye; and Don Ritchie, aye.

Approve Invoices – Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissioners (MACC) \$655.00

Joanne Ward made a motion to approve the invoices from MACC in the amount of \$655.00 for members and staff attendance at the Annual Environmental Conference. Jaye Waldron seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion by a roll call, Wendy Sisson, aye; Jaye Waldron, aye; Joanne Ward, aye; Paul Willard, aye; Mark Shaw, aye; and Don Ritchie, aye.

Approve Minutes

Jaye Waldron made a motion to approve the minutes of February 17, 2022 as amended. Mark Shaw seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion by a roll call, Wendy Sisson, aye; Jaye Waldron, aye; Joanne Ward, aye; Paul Willard, aye; Mark Shaw, aye; and Don Ritchie, aye.

Pine Hill Village Update

There was no update this evening.

Adjournment

Jaye Waldron made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm. Wendy Sisson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion by a roll call, Wendy Sisson, aye; Jaye Waldron, aye; Joanne Ward, aye; Paul Willard, aye; Mark Shaw, aye; and Don Ritchie, aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Allard,
Land Use Administrator/
Conservation Agent

EXHIBITS & OTHER DOCUMENTS

- Conservation Commission Agenda, dated March 3, 2022
- Collaboration Document for CAP Focus Area: Natural Resources

Harvard Conservation Commission
Continuation of a Request to Amend the Order of Conditions Hearing
Luciano Manganella, 175 Littleton County Road, DEP#177-694, Harvard#0820-04
March 3, 2022

The public hearing was opened at 7:47pm by Chair Don Ritchie under MGL Chapter 131 §40 Wetland Protection Act and the Code of the Town of Harvard Chapter 119 Wetland Protection Bylaw virtually, pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, An Act Relative to Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency and signed into law on June 16, 2021.

Members Present (and able to vote on this application): Don Ritchie, Wendy Sisson and Joanne Ward

Others Present: Liz Allard (Land Use Administrator/Conservation Agent), Paul Willard, Jaye Waldron and Mark Shaw

This hearing was continued from February 17, 2022 for a Request to Amend the Order of Conditions filed on behalf of Luciano Manganella to revise the utility connections to a single-family dwelling with temporary impacts to the wetland resource area and the 100' wetland buffer zone at 175 Littleton County Road, Harvard.

With no word from the applicant's representative regarding input from the Natural Heritage and Endanger Species Program, Joanne Ward made a motion to continue the hearing to March 17, 2022 at 7:30pm. Wendy Sisson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion by a roll call, Wendy Sisson, aye; Joanne Ward, aye and Don Ritchie, aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Allard,
Land Use Administrator/
Conservation Agent