HARVARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES OF MEETING MARCH 17, 2022 APPROVED: APRIL 7, 2022

Chair Don Ritchie called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, virtually, pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, An Act Relative to Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted during the State of Emergency, and signed into law on February 15, 2022, 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, Mark Shaw and eve Wittenberg (Associate Member)

Others Present: Liz Allard (Land Use Boards Administrator/Conservation Agent), Margaret Kusner (Harvard Press), Vineet, Ashwini Kumar, Alex Senykoff and Gail McCarthy

Land Stewardship Subcommittee Update

- Allocation of funding for boardwalk repairs @ Bare Hill Wildlife Sanctuary \$1000.00 Jaye Waldron made a motion to approve the allocation up to \$1000.00 for the repair of the boardwalk on Bare Hill Wildlife Sanctuary. 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.
- Spring Walk To be held at the Black Pond Conservation Area on Sunday April 10th starting at 1:30pm
- Grant received from Nashua River Wild & Scenic Stewardship Council The Commission has
 received a grant in the amount of \$2500.00 for the placement of signage at road crossings along
 Bowers Brook. A map of the Town's waterways, wetlands and watersheds will be prepared and
 posted (physically and online) to enhance public knowledge of these features.
- **Completing Holy Hill** Jaye Waldron confirmed Tom MacMullin was still willing to assist with the work necessary to repair a trail on the Holy Hill Land.

Continuation of a Request to Amend the Order of Conditions – Luciano Manganella, 175 Littleton County Road, DEP#177-694. Opened at 7:32pm

Approve Minutes

Joanne Ward made a motion to approve the minutes of March 3, 2022 as amended. 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.

Use of the Reuben Reed Land Form

Joanne Ward made a motion to accept the Reuben Reed Land Form as edited this evening. 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.

Request to Accept Revision to Approved Plan as a *De Minimus* Change – 39 Jacob Gates Road, Harvard#0921-02

After discussing the underground storage of propane, other potential locations for the proposed propane tank, and the distance from the existing wetlands, Paul Willard made a motion to approve the addition of a generator and its associated propane tank to the existing Determination of Applicability as a *De Minimus* change. 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 7:49pm. 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Allard, Land Use Administrator/ Conservation Agent

EXHIBITS & OTHER DOCUMENTS

• Conservation Commission Agenda, dated March 17, 2022

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 17, 2022

The public hearing was opened at 7:32pm 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 22 of the Acts of 2022, An Act Relative to Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted during the State of Emergency, and signed into law on February 15, 2022.

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 March 3, 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, Wendy Sisson made a motion to continue the hearing to April 7, 2022 at 7:25pm. Joanne Ward 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