

**HARVARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2019
APPROVED: OCTOBER 3, 2019**

Vice Chair Paul Willard called the meeting to order at 7:06pm in the Town Hall, 13 Ayer Road, under MGL Chapter 131 §40 Wetland Protection Act and Code of the Town of Harvard Chapter 119 Wetland Protection Bylaw

Members Present: Paul Willard, Jaye Waldron, Joanne Ward, Jim Burns and Mark Shaw

Others Present: Liz Allard (Land Use Boards Administrator/Conservation Agent), Corbett, Neil Gorman (Ross Associates), Peter Deng, Jason Cole (Deer Management Subcommittee), Br. Anthony Brackett (St. Benedict Center), Ryan Vickers (Ducharme & Dillis), Dan Wolfe (Ross Associates), John Iacomini and Marisa Iacomini

Informal Discussion with Peter Deng RE: Lot 6 Littleton Road (Map 13 Parcel 28.6)

Neil Gorman, of Ross Associates, along with Peter Deng, the owner of Lot 6 Littleton Road, were present to discuss the possibility of crossing wetland with a common driveway in order to develop Lot 6, which was previously part of the Poor Farm property at 166 Littleton County Road. Mr. Gorman explained steep slopes and the wetland crossing previously delayed the pursuit of developing this lot. An abutting property owner has expressed interest in including a portion of his land as part of the land area to be developed. A conceptual plan details the ability to create four building lots off a common driveway, which would require the conveyance of approximately 6.5 acres from the abutter (Corbett). The only activity within the wetland resource areas or the associated buffer zone would be the driveway as it enters the property from Littleton Road. Before allocating additional funds towards the necessary plans to develop the property Mr. Deng is interested in getting a sense of the Commission that such a crossing would be allowed.

Members of the Commission agreed a site walk would be necessary before any comments could be made. A site walk was scheduled for August 28, 2019 at 5:45pm.

Re-issue Certificate of Compliance – 13 Bolton Road, DEP#177-459

Jim Burns made a motion to re-issue the Certificate of Compliance for 13 Bolton Road, DEP#177-459. Jaye Waldron seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Planning Board Request for Comments – Proposed Bylaw Chapter 125-58 Rural Life Preservation Special Permit

Members will review the proposed bylaw and provide feed back at the September 5th meeting.

Approve Minutes – July 18, 2019

Minutes were not available for approval this evening

Request to Extend the Order of Conditions – Trail Ridge, DEP#177-621

Joanne Ward made a motion to extend the Order of Conditions for Trail Ridge, DEP#177-621 for one-year. Jim Burns seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

FY2021 Capital Planning & Investments and Community Preservation Applications

This item was tabled until the September 5th meeting.

Continuation of a Notice of Intent Hearing – IRA Financial Trust Co., Lot 1 Pinnacle Road (Map 13 Parcel 28.1), DEP#177-681 Harvard#019-01. Opened at 7:30pm

Update from the Deer Management Subcommittee

Jason Cole, of the Deer Management Subcommittee, was present to discuss the scheduling of the presentation of their report to the Conservation Commission. The Commission agreed to

schedule this presentation for September 12th, with the potential of a final vote at the September 19th Conservation Commission meeting.

Continuation of a Notice of Intent Hearing – IRA Financial Trust Co., Lot 5 Littleton Road (Map 13 Parcel 28.5), DEP#177-680 Harvard#019-02. Opened at 7:46pm

Continuation of a Notice of Intent Hearing – St. Benedict Centers, 284 Still River Road, DEP#177-682, Harvard#0719-03. Opened at 8:00pm

Continuation of a Request for Determination of Applicability Hearing – B&C Associates, 169 Littleton County Road, Harvard#0619-01. Opened at 8:15pm

Request for Determination of Applicability Hearing – John Finn, 44 Peninsula Road, Harvard#0719-04. Opened at 8:30pm

Request for Determination of Applicability Hearing – John Iacomini, 310 Ayer Road, Harvard#0819-01. Opened at 8:45pm

Discuss Maintenance at Thurston's Cove with Pradeep Khurana of 110 Warren Avenue
Members discussed the options before them in regards to the use of the driveway for vehicular traffic, but came to no conclusion. The Khurana's will be providing quotes for the maintenance of the roadway.

Update Pine Hill Village

There was no update on this development this evening

Accepting Precipitation Frequency Statistics prepared by the Northeast Regional Climate Center at Cornell University

Suggested research from previous meeting is in the works.

Adjournment

Jim Burns made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm. Jaye Waldron seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Allard
Land Use Administrator/
Conservation Agent

**Harvard Conservation Commission
Continuation of a Notice of Intent Hearing Minutes
IRA Financial Trust Co., Lot 1 Pinnacle Road (Map 13 Parcel 28.1)
DEP#177-681, Harvard#0719-01
August 15, 2019**

The public hearing was opened at 7:30pm by Vice Chair Paul Willard under MGL Chapter 131 §40 Wetland Protection Act and Code of the Town of Harvard Chapter 119 Wetland Protection Bylaw in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 13 Ayer Road, Harvard

Members Present: Paul Willard, Jaye Waldron, Joanne Ward, Jim Burns and Mark Shaw

Others Present: Liz Allard (Land Use Boards Administrator/Conservation Agent)

This hearing was continued from July 18, 2019 for a Notice of Intent filed on behalf of IRA Financial Trust Co. for the construction of a single-family dwelling, driveway, private well and sewage disposal system within the 100' of a wetland resource area on Lot 1 Pinnacle Road (Map 13 Parcel 28.1), Harvard.

At the request of the applicant, Jim Burns made a motion to continue the hearing to September 19, 2019 at 7:30pm in the Town Hall, 13 Ayer Road. Jaye Waldron seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Allard
Land Use Administrator/
Conservation Agent

**Harvard Conservation Commission
Continuation of a Notice of Intent Hearing Minutes
IRA Financial Trust Co., Lot 5 Littleton Road (Map 13 Parcel 28.5)
DEP#177-680, Harvard#0719-02
August 15, 2019**

The public hearing was opened at 7:46pm by Vice Chair Paul Willard under MGL Chapter 131 §40 Wetland Protection Act and Code of the Town of Harvard Chapter 119 Wetland Protection Bylaw in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 13 Ayer Road, Harvard

Members Present: Paul Willard, Jaye Waldron, Joanne Ward, Jim Burns and Mark Shaw

Others Present: Liz Allard (Land Use Boards Administrator/Conservation Agent)

This hearing was continued from July 18, 2019 for a Notice of Intent filed on behalf of IRA Financial Trust Co. for the construction of a single-family dwelling, driveway, private well and sewage disposal system within the 100' of a wetland resource area and 200' of a pond on Lot 5 Littleton Road (Map 13 Parcel 28.5), Harvard.

At the request of the applicant, Jaye Waldron made a motion to continue the hearing to September 19, 2019 at 7:45pm in the Town Hall, 13 Ayer Road. Mark Shaw seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Allard
Land Use Administrator/
Conservation Agent

**Harvard Conservation Commission
Continuation of a Notice of Intent Hearing Minutes
St. Benedict Centers, 284 Still River Road
DEP#177-682, Harvard#0719-03
August 15, 2019**

The public hearing was opened at 8:00pm by Vice Chair Paul Willard under MGL Chapter 131 §40 Wetland Protection Act and Code of the Town of Harvard Chapter 119 Wetland Protection Bylaw in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 13 Ayer Road, Harvard

Members Present: Paul Willard, Jaye Waldron, Joanne Ward, Jim Burns and Mark Shaw

Others Present: Liz Allard (Land Use Boards Administrator/Conservation Agent), Br. Anthony Brackett (St. Benedict Center) and Ryan Vickers (Ducharme & Dillis)

This hearing was continued from August 1, 2019 for a Notice of Intent filed on behalf of St. Benedict Centers for the development of a new parking lot, sub-surface infiltration area and landscaping within the 100' of a wetland resource area at 284 Still River Road, Harvard.

Ryan Vickers, of Ducharme & Dillis Civil Design Group, along with Br. Anthony Brackett were both present. Mr. Vickers explained the revisions made to the plans from the previous meeting, which includes a new type of biodegradable matting for stabilization of the slopes, revised direction of the discharge of stormwater away from the wetland resource area, removal of the snow storage area closest to the wetland resource area and a protocol for the control of the invasive plant, Japanese Knotweed.

With no additional questions or comments, Jaye Waldron made a motion to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions to include the special conditions of annual reporting of the maintenance associated with the stormwater facilities onsite. Joanne Ward seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Allard
Land Use Administrator/
Conservation Agent

Harvard Conservation Commission
Continuation of a Request for Determination of Applicability Hearing Minutes
B&C Associates, 169 Littleton County Road, Harvard#0619-01
August 15, 2019

The public hearing was opened at 8:15pm by Vice Chair Paul Willard under MGL Chapter 131 §40 Wetland Protection Act and Code of the Town of Harvard Chapter 119 Wetland Protection Bylaw in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 13 Ayer Road, Harvard

Members Present: Paul Willard, Jaye Waldron, Joanne Ward, Jim Burns and Mark Shaw

Others Present: Liz Allard (Land Use Boards Administrator/Conservation Agent)

This hearing was continued from August 1, 2019 for a Request for Determination of Applicability filed on behalf of B&C Associates for the removal of invasive plant species within the 100 wetland buffer zone at 169 Littleton County Road, Harvard.

At the request of the applicant, Joanne Ward made a motion to continue the hearing to September 5, 2019 at 7:45pm in the Town Hall, 13 Ayer Road. Jaye Waldron seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Allard Land Use Administrator/
Conservation Agent

**Harvard Conservation Commission
Request for Determination of Applicability Hearing Minutes
John Finn, 44 Peninsula Road, Harvard#0719-04
August 15, 2019**

The public hearing was opened at 8:34pm by Vice Chair Paul Willard under MGL Chapter 131 §40 Wetland Protection Act and Code of the Town of Harvard Chapter 119 Wetland Protection Bylaw in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 13 Ayer Road, Harvard

Members Present: Paul Willard, Jaye Waldron, Joanne Ward, Jim Burns and Mark Shaw

Others Present: Liz Allard (Land Use Boards Administrator/Conservation Agent) and John Finn

This hearing is for a Request for Determination of Applicability filed on behalf of John Finn for the installation of a floating dock and walkway with 200' of Bare Hill Pond at 44 Peninsula Road, Harvard.

John Finn explained the proposed addition of a dock and walkway within 200' of Bare Hill Pond. The installation of the dock will require minimal shoreline disturbance, with the installation of the walkway within an already disturbed area. Members reviewed the site early this week and had no questions in regards to the request.

Jim Burns made a motion to issue a Negative#2 Determination of Applicability. Mark Shaw seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Allard
Land Use Administrator/
Conservation Agent

**Harvard Conservation Commission
Request for Determination of Applicability Hearing Minutes
John Iacomini, 310 Ayer Road, Harvard#0819-01
August 15, 2019**

The public hearing was opened at 8:45pm by Vice Chair Paul Willard under MGL Chapter 131 §40 Wetland Protection Act and Code of the Town of Harvard Chapter 119 Wetland Protection Bylaw in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 13 Ayer Road, Harvard

Members Present: Paul Willard, Jaye Waldron, Joanne Ward, Jim Burns and Mark Shaw

Others Present: Liz Allard (LUB Admin) Dan Wolfe (Ross Associates), John Iacomini and Marisa Iacomini

This hearing is for a Request for Determination of Applicability filed on behalf of John Iacomini for the regarding of an existing lawn area within 200' of a pond at 310 Ayer Road, Harvard.

Dan Wolfe, of Ross Associates, was present along with the applicant, John Iacomini. Mr. Wolfe explained Mr. Iacomini trains dogs on his property and would like to re-grade an existing lawn area to make it level. The site contains a pond with a well established vegetated buffer of a few feet. Jaye asked for mowing to be reduced to allow natural vegetation be established in the area on the south end of the pond. Mr. Iacomini stated that area has always been mowed, even prior to him owning the land; therefore he would not be amenable to letting go back to a natural vegetated state.

Jim Burns made a motion to issue a Negative#2 Determination of Applicability. Mark Shaw seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion, with Jaye Waldron abstaining.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Allard
Land Use Administrator/
Conservation Agent

EXHIBITS & OTHER DOCUMENTS

Conservation Commission Agenda, dated August 15, 2019

Informal Discussion with Peter Deng RE: Lot 6 Littleton Road (Map 13 Parcel 28.6)

- Conceptual Plan, Peitao Deng, Littleton Road, Harvard, MA, Plan No.: L-Concept 1, prepared by David E. Ross Associates, Inc., dated August, 2019

Continuation of a Notice of Intent Hearing – St. Benedict Centers, 284 Still River Road, DEP#177-682, Harvard#0719-03

- Saint Benedict's Elementary Addition, 264 Still River Road, Still River, MA 01467, Existing Conditions Sheet, Grading Sheet, and Erosion & Sedimentation Control Sheet, Proj. 2969, prepared by Ducharme & Dillis Civil Design Group, Inc., dated 08/07/2019
- Invasive Species Management Plan For, 284 Still River Road Westford, Massachusetts, dated August 8th, 2019
- Rollmax™ Rolled Erosion Control, Specification Sheet, BioNet® 5150BN™, Erosion Control Blanket, undated