

**HARVARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
APRIL 5, 2018
APPROVED: MAY 3, 2018**

Chairman Paul Willard called the meeting to order at 7:02pm 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, Don Ritchie, Wendy Sisson, Jaye Waldron, Joanne Ward, Jim Burns, Carl Sciple and Mark Shaw (associate member)

Others Present: Liz Allard (LUB Admin), Mark Saydah, and Peter Dorward (Harvard Conservation Trust)

Request to Amend Determination of Applicability – Johnston, 82 Warren Avenue, Harvard#0617-02
Mark Saydah, of Whole Earth Landscape and Design, was present to discuss amendments to the site plan approved under a Determination of Applicability last year. Mr. Saydah stated the lower patio area near the house that had been previously shown on the approved site plan is no longer to be constructed. The property owners are seeking to remove some additional white pines and hemlocks along the northern property boundary. The removal of the pines will assist in keeping the oaks healthy.

Jim Burns made a motion accept the revised plan entitled “Johnston Residence”, dated 3-26-18 and the narrative in an email from Mark Saydah to Liz Allard, dated March 30, 2018, for 82 Warren Avenue, Harvard#0617-02. Joanne Ward seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Approve use of conservation land - Harvard Conservation Trust Run for the Hills Event
Wendy Sisson made a motion to allow Harvard Conservation Trust to use the area known as Prospect Hill Management Area, specifically Dean's Hill and Newman land, for the 2018 Run for the Hills Event on or about October 21, 2018. Jim Burns seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Review Proposal to monitor construction Pine Hill Village, Stow Road, DEP#177-586
The Commission requested the proposal include more detail as to the activities to be performed. The Order of Conditions needs to be reviewed to determine if the Commission required phasing of the tree clearing and whether or not the infrastructure was to be constructed prior to any other activity on the site.

Continuation of a Notice of Intent Hearing – YYT Harvard, LLC, Lot 1 166 Littleton Road, DEP#177-660, Harvard#0118-01. Opened at 7:30pm

Request for Determination of Applicability Hearing – Boston Solar, 36 Brown Road, Harvard#0317-01. Opened at 7:57pm

Indigenous Ceremonial Stone Landscapes Update

Carl Sciple stated the discussion centered on what can be done to protect these landscapes and whether the locations should be publicized. This group will be meeting again and may be seeking to develop a memorandum of understanding with the Towns to protect these sites.

Land Stewardship Reappointments – Jim Aldeson and Carl Sciple

Joanne Ward made a motion to re-appoint Jim Aldeson and Carl Sciple, each to a three-year term, to the Land Stewardship Subcommittee. Jim Burns seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Request for Certificates of Compliance – 114 Slough Road, DEP#177-353 & 396

Don Ritchie made a motion to issue Certificates of Compliance for 114 Slough Road, DEP#177-353 & 177—396. Jim Burns seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Approve Minutes

Don Ritchie made a motion to approve the minutes of February 15th and March 1st as amended. Jim Burns seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Planning Board Request for Comments - 55 Oak Hill Road

Don Ritchie reviewed the application and found there to be no comments from the Commission as presented.

Nashua River Watershed Association – Wild & Scenic Support Letter

Wendy Sisson made a motion to approve the letter to Nashua River Watershed Association in regards to the Wild & Scenic management plan. Carl Sciple seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

The following items appeared on the agenda under “Pending Business” and nothing new report at this time unless otherwise noted:

- Preservation of open space along Willard Lane – Sisson stated an appraisal of the land should be requested from the property owner. Paul Willard will further discuss with the owner about separating out the areas from front and back as the Commission is interested in the back land.
- Discuss Potential Gift of Land – Brown Road
- Smith Land – Littleton County Road (Map 14 Parcel 56)
- Deer Management Update – With no one volunteering from the other interested parties, the Commission agreed to try again in the early fall
- Potential Open Space – Woodside Road, Map 30 Parcel 14
- Update from the State Service Forester – Cruft Lane
- Chapter 147 Wetland Protection Bylaw Regulations
- Open Space Committee

Adjournment

Don Ritchie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:43pm. Jim Burns 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 Meeting Minutes
YYT Harvard, LLC Lot 1 166 Littleton Road, DEP#177-660, Harvard#0118-01
April 5, 2018

The public hearing was opened at 7:55pm by Chairman Paul Willard under Harvard Wetland Protection Bylaw, Chapter 119 of the Code of the Town of Harvard in the Town Hall, 13 Ayer Road, Harvard.

Members Present: Paul Willard, Don Ritchie, Wendy Sisson, Jaye Waldron, Joanne Ward, Jim Burns, Carl Sciple and Mark Shaw (associate member)

Others Present: Liz Allard (LUB Admin)

This Notice of Intent was continued from March 15, 2018, which was filed on behalf of YYT Harvard, LLC for the construction of a single-family dwelling, driveway, well and sewage disposal system, with a portion of the work within the 100' wetland buffer zone on Lot 1 166 Littleton Road, Harvard.

Neil Gorman, of Ross Associates, requested a continuance of the hearing to the next available Conservation Commission meeting.

Don Ritchie made a motion to continue the hearing to April 19, 2018 at 7:30pm in the Town Hall. Joanne Ward 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 Meeting Minutes
Boston Solar, 36 Brown Road, Harvard#0318-01
April 5, 2018**

The public hearing was opened at 7:57pm by Chairman Paul Willard under Harvard Wetland Protection Bylaw, Chapter 119 of the Code of the Town of Harvard in the Town Hall, 13 Ayer Road, Harvard.

Members Present: Paul Willard, Don Ritchie, Wendy Sisson, Jaye Waldron, Joanne Ward, Jim Burns, Carl Sciple and Mark Shaw (associate member)

Others Present: Liz Allard (LUB Admin)

This Request for Determination of Applicability was filed on behalf of Boston Solar for the installation of a ground mounted solar array with the 100' wetland buffer zone at 36 Brown Road, Harvard.

The applicant has requested a continuance of the hearing to the next available Conservation Commission meeting.

Wendy Sisson made a motion to continue the hearing to April 19, 2018 at 7:45pm in the Town Hall. Jaye Waldron seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Allard
Land Use Administrator/
Conservation Agent

EXHIBITS & OTHER DOCUMENTS

Conservation Commission Agenda, dated April 5, 2018

Request to Amend Determination of Applicability – Johnston, 82 Warren Avenue, Harvard#0617-02

- Site Plan entitled “Johnston Residence”, dated 3-26-18
- Narrative in an email from Mark Saydah to Liz Allard, dated March 30, 2018

Review Proposal to monitor construction Pine Hill Village, Stow Road, DEP#177-586

- Nitsch Engineering Proposal #12808.P, dated March 23, 2018

Approve Minutes

- Draft Harvard Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes, February 15, 2018, prepared by Liz Allard
- Draft Harvard Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes, March 1, 2018, prepared by Liz Allard

Nashua River Watershed Association – Wild & Scenic Support Letter

- Letter to Jamie Fosburgh, NPS, Manager, Northeast Region Rivers Program & Lucy Wallace, Chair, Nashua River Wild and Scenic River Study Committee, RE: Wild and Scenic River Designation, dated April 5, 2018