

**HARVARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
APRIL 19, 2018
APPROVED: MAY 17, 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, Joanne Ward, Jim Burns, Carl Sciple and Mark Shaw (associate member)

Others Present: Liz Allard (LUB Admin), Tim Kilhart (DPW Director), Mark Lavallee (GPR, Inc.) and Dave Baer

Notice of Intent Hearing – Department of Public Works, Pond Road, Harvard#0318-02.
Opened at 7:00pm

Notice of Intent Hearing – Department of Public Works, Town-Wide, DEP#177-662, Harvard#0318-03. Opened at 7:15pm

Tick Talk Request for Support

Joanne Ward made motion to support the Board of Health effort of a “Tick Talk” with a donation of \$50.00 towards the fee for the speaker. Jim Burns seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

MACC Annual Conference Round-up

Liz Allard stated information from the annual conference has been received, but she has not had an opportunity to prepare an outline of the material she received on climate change. One item of interest is the State’s new initiative for Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness under Executive Order 569.

Review Proposal – Baseline Monitoring Reports for Willard Land

Jim Burns made a motion to accept the proposal from Land Stewardship, Inc., dated April 4, 2018, in the amount of \$2600.00, for the baseline monitoring report of the Willard Land. Carl Sciple seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

In addition, the Land Stewardship Subcommittee is seeking approval of funding to repair the sign at Holy Hill. Jim Burns made a motion to allocate \$200.00 for the repair of the Holy Hill sign. Joanne Ward seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Notice of Intent Hearing – Dave Baer, 43 Pine Ridge Drive, DEP#177-661, Harvard#0318-04.
Opened at 7:30pm

Continuation of a Request for Determination of Applicability Hearing – Boston Solar, 36 Brown Road, Harvard#0317-01. Opened at 7:45pm

Approve Minutes

Members agreed to pass over this item

Request to Extend the Order of Conditions – 103 Prospect Hill Road, DEP#177-638

Jim Burns made a motion to extend the Order of Conditions, DEP#177-638, for 103 Prospect Hill Road. 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
- Discuss Potential Gift of Land – Brown Road
- Smith Land – Littleton County Road (Map 14 Parcel 56)
- Deer Management Update
- 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

Jim Burns made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14pm. 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
Notice of Intent Hearing Meeting Minutes
Department of Public Works, Pond Road, Harvard#0318-02
April 19, 2018**

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Members Present: Paul Willard, Joanne Ward, Jim Burns, Carl Sciple and Mark Shaw (associate Member)

Others Present: Liz Allard (LUB Admin) and Tim Kilhart (DPW Director)

This Notice of Intent was filed on behalf of the Harvard Department of Public Works for the replacement of an existing culvert and the addition of a gas catcher style catch basin within 100 of an intermittent stream along Pond Road, Harvard.

Tim Kilhart, Director of the Department of Public Works, was present to discuss his application to replace and extend the existing culvert along Pond Road. A report of the Water Study Committee suggested replacing the culvert to further protect the drinking water wells on Pond Road. One of the two wells has a fracture and it has been reported that the well can be further protected by moving the outlet of the culvert beyond the well itself. Mr. Kilhart also explained why the catch basin is proposed as shown on the plan; it is not only to capture as much road runoff and silt before it enters the flow of water, but the basin will provide the turn in the pipe necessary to maintain that flow. Jim Burns asked if additional curbing will be required in order to direct the flow of water to the basin. Mr. Kilhart stated the area will be repaved in a manner that will direct the flow of water to the basin.

The members discussed the need to complete work during low-flow, inspections by the agent, and documentation from the report detailing the need for this improvement to the culvert. A DEP file has not been received as of yet.

With additional information requested and no DEP file number, Carl Sciple made a motion to continue the hearing to May 3, 2018 at 7:25pm 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
Notice of Intent Hearing Meeting Minutes
Department of Public Works, Town-Wide, DEP#177-662, Harvard#0318-03
April 19, 2018**

The public hearing was opened at 7:15pm by Chairman 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, 13 Ayer Road, Harvard.

Members Present: Paul Willard, Joanne Ward, Jim Burns, Carl Sciple and Mark Shaw
(Associate Member)

Others Present: Liz Allard (LUB Admin) and Tim Kilhart (DPW Director)

This Notice of Intent was filed on behalf of the Harvard Department of Public Works for generalized maintenance within wetland resource areas and the associated wetland buffer zones throughout the Town of Harvard as part of routine maintenance.

After a brief discussion, which included the fact that the application has not received comments from Natural Heritage, Jim Burns made a motion to continue the hearing to May 3, 2018 at 7:27pm 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

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Notice of Intent Hearing Meeting Minutes
Dave Baer, 43 Pine Ridge Drive, DEP#177-661 Harvard#0318-04
April 19, 2018**

The public hearing was opened at 7:30pm by Chairman 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, 13 Ayer Road, Harvard

Members Present: Paul Willard, Joanne Ward, Jim Burns, Carl Sciple and Mark Shaw
(Associate Member)

Others Present: Liz Allard (LUB Admin), Mark Lavalley (GPR, Inc.) and Dave Bear

This Notice of Intent was filed on behalf of Dave Baer for the replacement and upgrade of an existing subsurface sewage disposal system within 200' of Bare Hill Pond at 43 Pine Ridge Drive, Harvard.

Mark Lavelle, of GPR, Inc., was present to represent the applicant, Dave Baer, who was also present. The applicant is seeking to replace an existing sewage disposal system within 200' of Bare Hill Pond. A request to revise the plan to detail the structure at 43 Pine Ridge Drive will be completed once the Board of Health approves a waiver necessary to install the system.

Jim Burns made a motion to close the hearing and issue a standard Order of Conditions for Dave Baer at 43 Pine Ridge Drive. 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 19, 2018**

The public hearing was opened at 7:45pm by Chairman 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, 13 Ayer Road, Harvard

Members Present: Paul Willard, Joanne Ward, Jim Burns, Carl Sciple and Mark Shaw
(Associate Member)

Others Present: Liz Allard (LUB Admin)

This Request for Determination of Applicability, which was continued from April 5, 2018, 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.

Joanne Ward made a motion to continue the hearing to May 3, 2018 at 7:45pm in the Town Hall meeting room. Carl Sciple 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 19, 2018

Notice of Intent Hearing – Dave Baer, 43 Pine Ridge Drive, DEP#177-661, Harvard#0318-04

- Subsurface Sewage Disposal System Upgrade, Site Plan and Flow Profile, 43 Pine Ridge Drive, Harvard, MA, JOB 171065, prepared by GPR, Inc., dated March 2018