

**HARVARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2016
APPROVED: JULY 21, 2016**

Chairman Paul Willard called the meeting to order at 7:03pm in the Hapgood Room at 7 Fairbank Street under MGL Chapter 131 §40 The Wetland Protection Act and The Code of the Town of Harvard Chapter 119 the Wetland Protection Bylaw

Members Present: Paul Willard, Don Ritchie, Charlie Gorss, Wendy Sisson, Jim Breslauer, Jaye Waldron and Joanne Ward

Others Present: Liz Allard (LUB Admin) and Marty Green (Harvard Press)

Land Stewardship Subcommittee 2016 Appointments

Liz Allard stated the following individuals are up for re-appointment to the Land Stewardship Subcommittee (LSS): Wendy Sisson, Phil Knoettner and Jim Saalfield. All three have agreed to serve another three-year term. Jim Breslauer made a motion to appoint the previously mentioned individuals to a three-year term of the Land Stewardship Subcommittee. Joanne Ward seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Approve Invoice

Joanne Ward made a motion to approve the \$2020.00 invoice from BSC Group to be included on the next bill warrant. Don Ritchie seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Unbuildable Lot Requests – Bowers Road

Liz Allard explained the Commission has received request from two property owners along Bowers Road seeking to have their lots declared as unbuildable. Each lot has constraints to building due to the proximity to Bare Hill Pond. The lots are shown on Assessor's Map 26, Parcels 28 and 29. After a brief discussion Charlie Gorss made a motion to accept the information provided which details the unbuildable status of the previously mentioned lots. Don Ritchie seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Master Plan Steering Committee (MPSC) Update

Jaye Waldron stated the MPSC has changed public forum from March 3rd to March 24th at Volunteer's Hall.

Update on Annual Town Meeting 2016 Warrant Articles

The Board of Selectmen recently voted to remove the Commission's request for a warrant article in the amount of \$350,000.00 to purchase open space along Massachusetts Avenue because the proper procedure was not followed as it pertains to seeking funding for large projects. Members agreed the Commission needs to gain support early in the process when seeking funding for specific projects. The Commission agreed to seek an method to purchase the land.

Update to the Gifts of Land – Swabb, 100 Shaker Road

There was no update in regards to the price proposals for the removal of the structures at 100 Shaker Road.

Continuation of the Erosion Control Bylaw Hearing. Opened at 7:33pm

Adjournment

Jim Breslauer made a motion at 8:10pm to adjourn the meeting. 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 the Erosion Control Bylaw Hearing
February 18, 2016**

The public hearing was opened at 7:33pm by Chairman Paul Willard in the Hapgood Room at 7 Fairbank Street

Members Present: Paul Willard, Don Ritchie, Charlie Gorss, Wendy Sisson, Jim Breslauer, Jaye Waldron and Joanne Ward

Others Present: Liz Allard (LUB Admin) and Marty Green

This hearing was to obtain any public comments on the proposed Erosion Control Bylaw. Don Ritchie and Paul Willard had, as requested by the Commission, made revisions to the Bylaw to reduce its length and take out any unnecessary information.

With no further comments from the Commission or the public, Jim Breslauer made a motion to approve the Erosion Control Bylaw as revised and present it to the annual town meeting. Don Ritchie seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Mr. Ritchie agreed to present the article at Annual Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Allard
Land Use Administrator/
Conservation Agent

DOCUMENTS & OTHER EXHIBITS

Unbuildable Lot Requests – Bowers Road

- Letter from David E. Ross Associates, Inc., Re: Assessor Map 26, Parcel 29, Bowers Road, Harvard, Project No. 17302, prepared by Daniel B. Wolfe, dated January 25, 2016
- Letter from Goldsmith, Prest & Ringwall, Inc. , Re: Map 2; parcel 28 Bowers Road, Harvard, prepared by Bruce D. Ringwall, dated January 14, 2016