

**Harvard Devens Jurisdiction Committee
Meeting Held at Harvard Town Hall, Harvard, MA
Minutes of the April 4, 2019 Meeting
Paul Green, Clerk**

Attendance

Members Present: George Glazier, Paul Green, Victor Normand, SusanMary Redinger, Lucy Wallace.

Members Present by telephone: Tim Myllykangas.

Members Absent: Heather Knowles, Erin McBee, Kara Minar.

Guests: Chris Ryan (Town of Harvard), Ed Starzec (MassDevelopment Real Estate), Matt Flokos (Harvard Press), Jessica Strunkin (SVP of Devens for MassDevelopment), Jim DeZutter (Harvard resident and member of the Devens Enterprise Commission).

Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Victor Normand at 9:00 am.

The committee reviewed the minutes. SusanMary and Jessica Strunkin offered several corrections, which Paul accepted. Victor Normand moved to accept the minutes and SusanMary seconded the motion. The committee unanimously approved the minutes.

Department Heads and Committee Chair Feedback Updates

Paul reviewed the progress on our interviews. Lucy has turned in two more interview reports. We questioned whether the MBTA and MART advisory boards needed to be interviewed. We are at 33% complete. Erin has asked to have her assignments reassigned. Paul asked committee members to access the Google Doc and reassign a few of Erin's tasks to themselves, since everyone has write permission on the Google Doc file.

Victor summarized the reasons for this task for the benefit of committee guests.

Town Updates

Victor reported that he has spoken to the Town Administrators in the 3 towns about our work and has gotten positive feedback. Lucy has spoken to the chair of the Ayer board of selectmen, and is still attempting to reach the Shirley chair of their board of selectmen. Lucy reported that our current proposal for the overall structure of the working group was well-received by the Ayer BOS chair.

MassDevelopment Updates

Victor asked Jessica to report on recent progress. MassDevelopment hosted a meeting about the work of the HDJC with the residents, and she felt that the meeting was productive.

Devens Resident Outreach

Victor noted that the meeting was well-attended, and that members of the Devens Committee were present. He stated that he offered to meet with the Devens Committee at any time. George reviewed his notes of the meeting. The meeting first reviewed Chapter 498, then introduced the Harvard-Devens Jurisdiction Committee, then took questions. Residents and Devens Committee members were happy to be invited to the meeting. Residents asked questions about schools, and about the structure of the eventual 5-entity working group. It was noted that the residents wished to retain their identity as a single village within whatever town

eventually resumes jurisdiction over the residential portion of Devens; they don't want to be divided-up between towns.

Section 23 of the Chapter 498 of the Acts of 1993, as amended by Chapter 224 of the Acts of 1994 specifies the high-level process that must be followed to recommend the future governance of Devens. The agenda for this meeting includes Chapter 23; please see the agenda for that text.

See the Notes section, below, for a link to the online version of Chapter 498 that is maintained by the DEC. The committee discussed our wish to have a consolidated version of Chapter 498 that incorporates all of the amendments into a single document.

Devens Budget Review

Kara and Rudy Minar reviewed the budget on behalf of our committee. Victor has prepared a list of questions resulting from that review. He noted that most of the questions deal with terminology, to clarify the meaning of various accounts. He will send the questions to Jessica.

Town Meeting Report

Lucy reviewed the Annual Town Meeting handout she has created that describes the work of our committee. See the attachments to these minutes for a copy of it.

We discussed the need to acquire an accurate, up-to-date, large-format map of Devens.

Other

Tim brought up the need to reach out to the Devens businesses. Jessica suggested that we form the stakeholder committee first, and have that committee reach out to the businesses.

Kara asked how to determine which businesses are in which (historic areas of the) towns. Victor said that this information is available in a yearly report prepared by the Devens assessor.

Ed provided an update on the status of the Grant Road housing development. 17 units of housing have been completed and occupied. All of the new residents are in historic Harvard.

Pending Task Assignments

Victor suggested that we formally contact the other towns, MassDevelopment, and the DEC to establish a working group to lay out the process. He will work the administrative side and Lucy will work the Selectman side.

Members of the committee should continue to send write-ups of their meetings with department heads and committee chairs to Paul.

Lucy and Victor will continue to communicate with the other towns.

Lucy will update the ATM handout to include a change requested by Jessica.

Adjournment

Victor adjourned the meeting at 9:50 am.

Attachments

1. Harvard Annual Town Meeting Handout (draft).

2. HDJC Committee and Officials Interview Status

Notes

The Devens Enterprise Commission maintains a copy of Chapter 498 and the various amendments that modify it.

The URL for the page is: <http://www.devensec.com/ch498/dec498toc.html>.

Harvard-Devens Jurisdiction Committee Update

May 2019

- In June 2018 the Select Board charged and subsequently appointed the 9-member Harvard-Devens Jurisdiction Committee (HDJC) to institute “a process for developing a plan to resume jurisdiction” of that portion of the Devens which is within Harvard’s historic boundaries.
- Devens represents approximately 20% of Harvard ; conversely, approximately 60% of Devens lies within Harvard. Devens is predominately an economic redevelopment zone, containing a mix of high tech and pharmaceutical industries, R&D facilities, and satellite college campuses, along with substantial open space and recreational lands, and a growing residential component (capped at 282 units in the Harvard/Ayer portion and 120 age-restricted units in the Shirley portion of Devens). See map on reverse side.
- Chapter 498 of the Acts of 1993 charged MassDevelopment, the state’s economic development and finance agency, with redeveloping Devens in accordance with the 1994 Devens Reuse Plan. Chapter 498 also provided for one-stop permitting which is handled by the Devens Enterprise Commission (DEC). Finally, under Chapter 498 local self-governance was temporarily suspended.
- To address the matter of local governance, Chapter 498 provided that no later than 2030 the Devens stakeholders (towns of Ayer, Harvard and Shirley, Devens Enterprise Commission, and MassDevelopment) must initiate a study concerning Devens’ permanent government. This study, along with a recommendation for permanent government, is to be submitted to the Legislature no later than 2033 for its approval. This timeline is a major reason for initiating our current effort.
- Working with MassDevelopment, the towns and the DEC, we are currently drafting a protocol for (1) the towns to ascertain their respective benefits and costs of resuming jurisdiction, and (2) all parties to jointly develop a recommended outcome. Included in the recommendation would be transitioning from municipal management by MassDevelopment to an eventual permanent government structure.
- This is a multi-year undertaking. The final disposition plan will require approval by Town Meeting in each town, as well as by MassDevelopment and the DEC, before submission to the Legislature.
- The HDJC is committed to a transparent process as it works towards meeting its charge. It has met with the Boards of Selectmen and Town Administrators of Ayer and Shirley, Harvard’s representatives to the DEC and its planners, MassDevelopment, and our state senator and representatives. Members of the HDJC have initiated outreach to Town departments, boards and committees to learn what impacts resuming jurisdiction of Devens would have on their responsibilities. In addition, meetings with residents are planned in the coming year, the first one having just been held with the residents of Devens in March.
- We hope to see you at our informational sessions – your voice is important!

Victor Normand, Chair
Tim Myllykangas

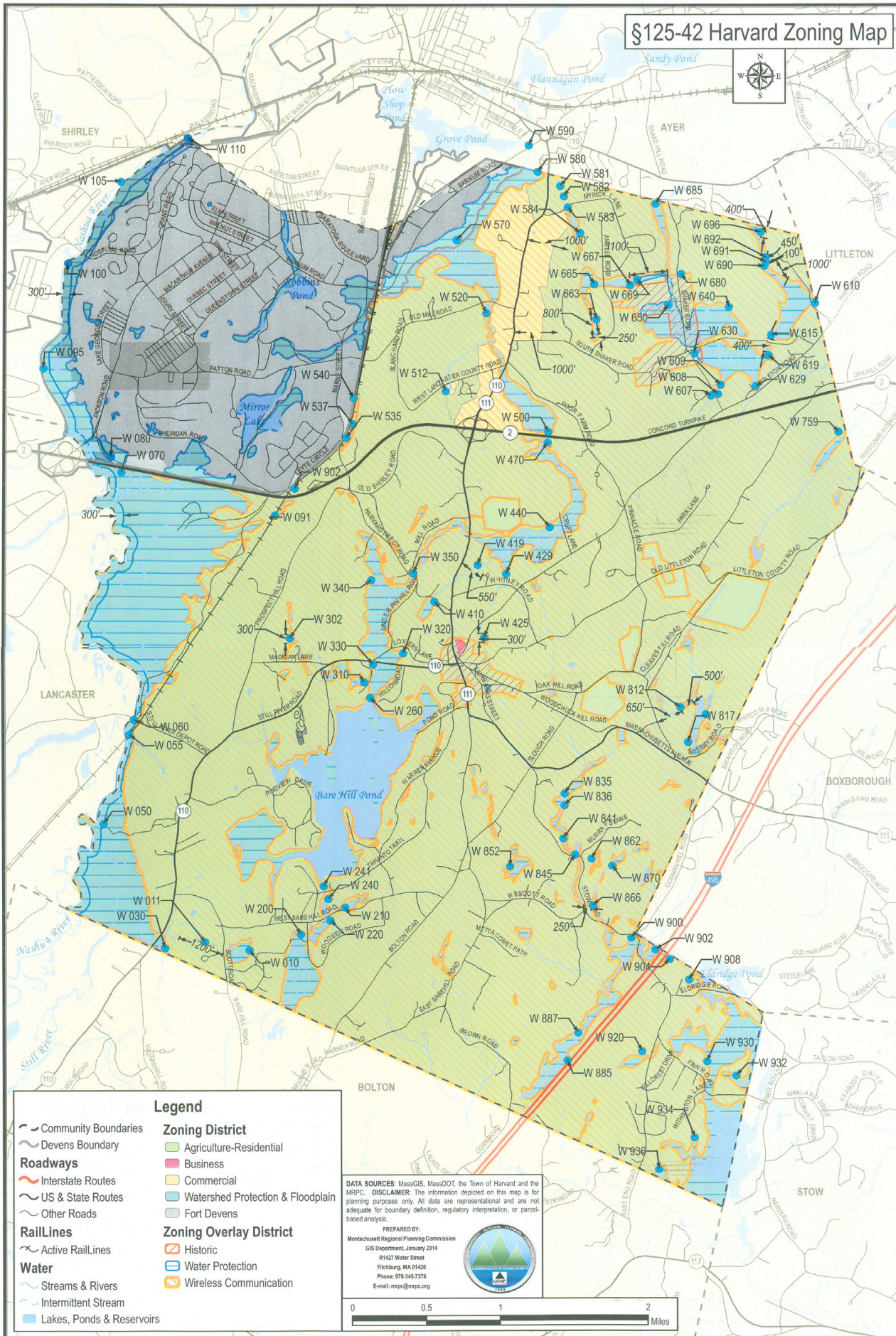
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Lucy Wallace

§125-42 Harvard Zoning Map



<u>Elected Town Offices</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Email Address</u>	<u>HDJC Liaison</u>	<u>Status</u>
Library Trustees	Davida Bagatelle	davidabag1@gmail.com	SusanMary	Complete
Moderator	Bill Barton	bill.barton@verscend.com	Erin	
School Committee	SusanMary Redinger	smredinger@charter.net	SusanMary	Complete
Select Board	Lucy Wallace	lbwallace34@aol.com	Lucy	Complete
Warner Free Lecture	Lisa Foley	lisalynnfoley@yahoo.com	Erin	
<u>Appointed Town Boards & Departments</u>				
Access to Services Liaison	none		Not Applicable	
Agricultural Advisory Committee	Kerri Green	kerri@westwardorchards.com	Kara	
Ambulance Service	Jason Cotting	jcotting@harvarddems.org	George	
Animal Control Officer	Paul Willard	dogmanaka@gmail.com	Heather	
Bare Hill Pond Watershed Committee	Bruce Leicher	bruceleicher@aol.com	Heather	Complete
Board of Assessors	?		Victor	
Board of Health	Libby Levison	libby-boh@email.toast.net	Kara	
Broadband Committee	Noyan Kinayman	nkinayman@gmail.com	Paul	Complete
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Cable Access Committee	Bill Johnson	bill.johnson@harvardmass.net	SusanMary	Complete
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Community Preservation Committee	Didi Chadran	dunia.deeds@gmail.com	Heather	Complete
Conservation Commission	Don Ritchie	dsritchie@aol.com	Heather	
Constable	Greg Newman		George	
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Cultural Council	Lucy Clerkin & Anne Butterfield	lclerkin@gmail.com	Kara	
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Elderly & Disabled Taxation Aid Committee	Amy Haley, Treasurer	ahaley@harvard.ma.us	Lucy	Complete
Elm Commission	Bill Calderwood		George	
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Energy Advisory Committee	Brian Smith	briansmithnetwork@gmail.com	SusanMary	Complete
Fence Viewers	Ron Ricci, Leo Blair	ronald.v.ricci@gmail.com	Not Applicable	
Finance Committee	Don Ludwig		Lucy	
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Inspectional Services	Gabe Vellante		Tim	
Land Stewardship Committee			Erin	
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MART Advisory Board	Tim Bragan	tbragan@harvard.ma.us	Lucy	
MBTA Advisory Board	none		Kara	
Minuteman Home Corp Rep	Pam Frederick	pwfrederick@gmail.com	Victor	
Montachusett Joint Transp. Committee	none		Erin	
MRPC	PB & SB Reps, as needed		Erin	
Montachusett Voc. Tech HS	Amy Morton		SusanMary	
Municipal Affordable Housing Trust	Alice Von Loesecke	avonloesecke@gmail.com	Paul	In progress
Old Library Accessibility Committee	Lucy Wallace	lbwallace34@aol.com	Lucy	Complete
Park & Recreation Commission	Doug Thornton	douglasthornton@hotmail.com	SusanMary	Complete
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Planning Board	Erin McBee	mcbeepb@gmail.com	Kara / Chris Ryar	Complete
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Public Works Department	Tim Kilhart	tkilhart@harvard.ma.us	Kara	
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Veteran's Agent	Mike Detillion		Lucy	

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Zoning Appeals Board	Chris Tracey	tophertracey@charter.net	Lucy	Complete
495 Metrowest Partnership Rep	Duncan Chapman	duchapman@charter.net	Tim	