

**TOWN OF HARVARD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION STRATEGIC PLANNING AGENDA
HILDRETH HOUSE – 15 ELM STREET
TUESDAY AUGUST 22, 2023 @6:00PM**

1. **Introductions** (6:00pm)
2. **Election of Officers** (6:05pm)
3. **Election of Representatives & Liaisons** (6:10pm)
 - a. Land Stewardship Subcommittee – Jim Burns (term ends 6/30/2026)
 - b. Deer Management Subcommittee
 - c. Community Preservation Committee
 - d. Climate Initiative Committee
 - e. Open Space Committee – Peter Dorward (term ends 6/30/2024)
 - f. Historical Commission – George Triantaris (terms ends 6/30/2025)
4. **Primary Objectives of the Commission** (6:15pm)
 - a. MGL Chapter 40 Section 8C Conservation Commission; establishment; powers and duties
 - b. MGL Chapter 131 Section 40 Removal, fill, dredging or altering of land bordering water (a.k.a. Wetland Protection Act)
 - c. Code of the Town of Harvard Chapter 119 Wetland Protection Bylaw (WPB) & Chapter 147 WPB Regulations
 - i. Minor Activities
 - ii. Waiver Process
 - iii. Climate
 - iv. Invasive Plant Management
5. **Land Stewardship Goals** (6:30pm)
 - a. Conservation Restrictions & Baseline Reports
 - b. Town-wide Japanese Knotweed Control
 - c. Monitoring Conservation Restrictions
6. **Deer Management Goals** (6:50pm)
 - a. Update Mission
 - b. Membership/Appointment Cycles
 - c. Operating Procedures
7. **Action Items of other Plans** (7:10pm)
 - a. 2016 Master Plan
 - b. 2022 Apple Country Natural Climate Solutions Project
 - c. 2023 Climate Action Plan
 - d. 2023 Open Space & Recreation Plan
8. **Funding** (7:40pm)
 - a. Conservation Fund
 - b. Community Preservation Act Funds
 - c. Wetland Protection Fees
 - i. State
 - ii. Bylaw
 - d. Grants
 - i. SuAsCo CISMA – Japanese Knotweed Control
 - ii. Nashua Rivers Wild & Scenic Stewardship Council – Waterways & Watershed Awareness: Culvert Mapping
9. **Authorization of the Conservation Agent** (8:00pm)
 - a. Invoices
 - i. Operational Budget
 - ii. Escrow Accounts
 - iii. Other Funds listed under item 8 above

The listing of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

- b. Minor Activities
- c. Comments for PB/ZBA Applications
- 10. Public Outreach/Engaging Residents (8:20pm)**
 - a. Website News & Announcements
 - b. Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program
 - c. Involving Interns
 - d. Newspaper Articles
 - i. Re-branding with Full-Time Agent
 - ii. Synthetic Pesticides
- 11. Training and Continuing Education (8:40pm)**
- 12. Meeting Logistics: In-person vs. Virtual (8:50pm)**

NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

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