

**TOWN OF HARVARD  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA  
THURSDAY MARCH 17, 2022 @7:00PM**

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Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, An Act Relative to Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted during the State of Emergency and signed into law on June 16, 2021, this meeting will be conducted via remote participation. Interested individuals can listen in and participate by phone and/or online by following the link and phone number below.

Hildreth Pro is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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**New Business:**

1. Land Stewardship Subcommittee Update
  - Allocation of funding for boardwalk repairs @ Bare Hill Wildlife Sanctuary \$1000.00
  - Spring Walk
2. Approve Minutes
3. Request to Accept Revision to Approved Plan as a *De Minimus* Change – 39 Jacob Gates Road, Harvard#0921-02

**Public Hearings:**

7:30pm **Continuation of a Request to Amend the Order of Conditions – Luciano Mangarella, 175 Littleton County Road, DEP#177-694**, to revise the utility connections to a single-family dwelling with temporary impacts to the wetland resource area and the 100' wetland buffer zone

**Old Business:**

1. Use of the Reuben Reed Land Form
2. Pine Hill Village Update – Lighting

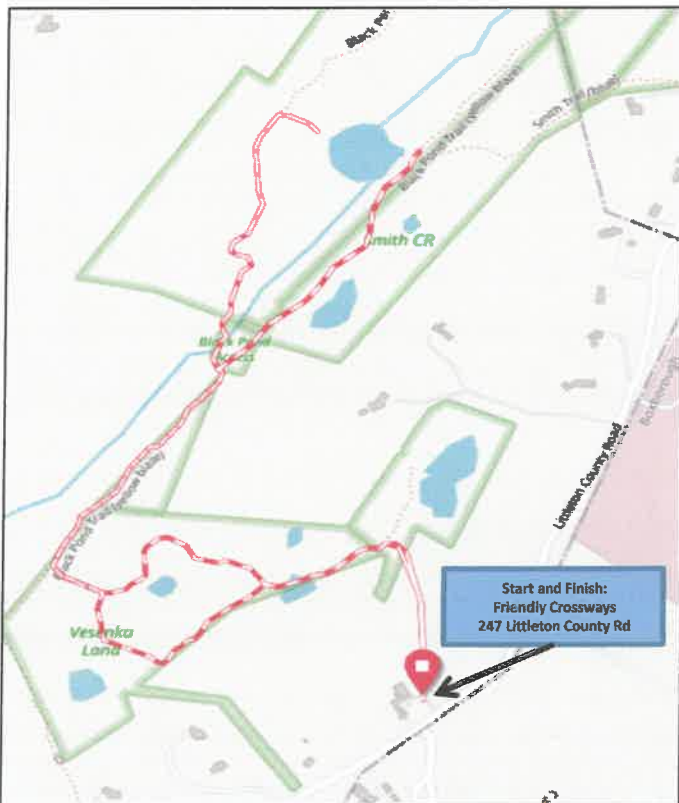
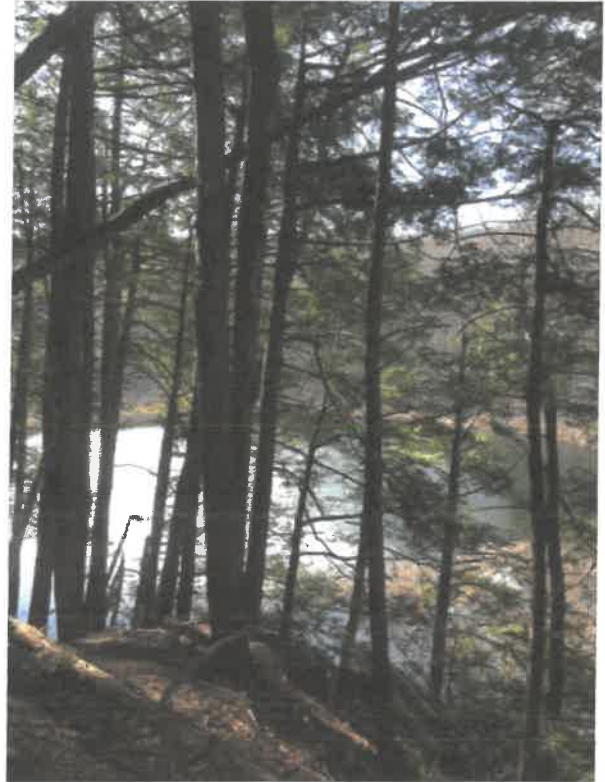
**NEXT MEETING:  
APRIL 7, 2022**

# Spring Walk at Black Pond Sunday, April 10, 2022

Harvard Conservation Commission's Land Stewardship Subcommittee is leading a hike on Sunday, April 10, exploring the beautiful environs of Black Pond.

Trails on 80 acres of Harvard's Black Pond and Vesenka conservation lands adjoin an additional 60 acres of protected land on the Harvard/Littleton border now managed by the Sudbury Valley Trustees (SVT). The area is rich with wildlife, special plant communities, unusual geology and beautiful scenery. Our trail traverses woodlands dotted with vernal pools and glacial erratics and a ridgeline overlooking a ravine and stream leading to Black Pond.

Joining us on the walk, wetland scientist Matthew Varrell will introduce us to vernal pool ecology and to some of the spring visitors and inhabitants of the special ephemeral woodland pools we will visit.



**Meet 1:30 Sunday afternoon at Friendly Crossways, 247 Littleton County Rd in Harvard.**

We will walk approximately 2.5 miles on uneven terrain with a few steep sections. Polarized glasses are helpful for looking into the water. Take precautions for ticks and please leave dogs home for this one. Drizzle ok; rain cancels. For more info contact [jamesadelson@charter.net](mailto:jamesadelson@charter.net).



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**HARVARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**MARCH 3, 2022**

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6 Chair Don Ritchie called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, virtually, pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of  
7 2021, An Act Relative to Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency  
8 and signed into law on June 16, 2021, under MGL Chapter 131 §40 Wetland Protection Act and Code of  
9 the Town of Harvard Chapter 119 Wetland Protection Bylaw

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11 **Members Present:** Don Ritchie, Paul Willard, Wendy Sisson, Jaye Waldron, Joanne Ward and Mark Shaw

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13 **Others Present:** Liz Allard (Land Use Boards Administrator/Conservation Agent), Bruce Ringwall (GPR,  
14 Inc.), Peter Dorward (Open Space Committee), Lucy Wallace (Harvard Climate Initiative Committee)

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16 **Recommendation for Open Space Committee Representative**

17 With the current Conservation Commission representative, Peter Dorward, not in attendance the  
18 Commission decide to hold off any discussions until he was available.

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20 **Harvard Climate Initiative Committee Outreach**

21 Jaye Waldron explained to the Commission the newly created Harvard Climate Initiative Committee  
22 (HCIC) is working to create a climate action plan that centers around mitigation and adaption. With this  
23 plan the HCIC is seeking to establish goals and actions that are attainable and that can reach the Town's  
24 goals outline in the October 2021 Climate Resolution. This is intended to be a collaborative effort  
25 between municipal operations and residents. The target six areas that reflect the Commonwealth's goals  
26 are: Buildings, Energy, Transportation, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Preparedness. Each of these six  
27 areas have one goal for municipal operations and one goal for residents, with typically two action items  
28 per goal.

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30 With the protection of natural resources, a key element in the work of the Commission, it's only logical  
31 that the goal under the Natural Resources could be achieved by the Conservation Commission. The goal  
32 as determined by the HCIC is to increase the resilience of Harvard's ecosystem and community through the  
33 coordinated implementation of nature-based solutions. HCIC is seeking feedback not only on the  
34 proposed goal, but the four priority actions they have crafted as well.

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36 With a staff and a few of the Commission members attending workshops held by the Massachusetts  
37 Association of Conservation Commissioners over the next two weeks, with lots of focus on the climate, it  
38 was determined the Commission would revisit the goal and priority actions in a few weeks in order to  
39 provide appropriate feedback to the HCIC.

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41 **Continuation of a Request to Amend the Order of Conditions – Luciano Manganello, 175 Littleton**  
42 **County Road, DEP#177-694:** Opened at 7:47pm

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44 **Recommendation for Open Space Committee Representative, Revisited**

45 With the arrival of Peter Dorward, the Commission revisited this topic. Mr. Dorward stated the Open  
46 Space Committee (OSC) has requested the Select Board allow the OSC to become a standing Committee,  
47 as their current charge was for two-years, which is set to end on June 30, 2022. In anticipation the Select  
48 Board will be amenable to that request member of the OSC were asked to return their prospective  
49 boards/committees for the recommendation of reappointment. Joanne Ward made a motion to  
50 recommend to the Select Board the re-appointment of Peter Dorward as the Conservation Commission's  
51 representative on the Open Space Committee. Paul Willard seconded the motion. The vote was  
52 unanimously in favor of the motion by a roll call, Wendy Sisson, aye; Jaye Waldron, aye; Joanne Ward,  
53 aye; Paul Willard, aye; Mark Shaw, aye; and Don Ritchie, aye.

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**Approve Invoices – Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissioners (MACC) \$655.00**

Joanne Ward made a motion to approve the invoices from MACC in the amount of \$655.00 for members and staff attendance at the Annual Environmental Conference. Jaye Waldron seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion by a roll call, Wendy Sisson, aye; Jaye Waldron, aye; Joanne Ward, aye; Paul Willard, aye; Mark Shaw, aye; and Don Ritchie, aye.

**Approve Minutes**

Jaye Waldron made a motion to approve the minutes of February 17, 2022 as amended. Mark Shaw seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion by a roll call, Wendy Sisson, aye; Jaye Waldron, aye; Joanne Ward, aye; Paul Willard, aye; Mark Shaw, aye; and Don Ritchie, aye.

**Pine Hill Village Update**

There was no update this evening.

**Adjournment**

Jaye Waldron made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm. Wendy Sisson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion by a roll call, Wendy Sisson, aye; Jaye Waldron, aye; Joanne Ward, aye; Paul Willard, aye; Mark Shaw, aye; and Don Ritchie, aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Allard,  
Land Use Administrator/  
Conservation Agent

**EXHIBITS & OTHER DOCUMENTS**

- Conservation Commission Agenda, dated March 3, 2022
- Collaboration Document for CAP Focus Area: Natural Resources

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**Harvard Conservation Commission**  
**Continuation of a Request to Amend the Order of Conditions Hearing**  
**Luciano Manganella, 175 Littleton County Road, DEP#177-694, Harvard#0820-04**  
**March 3, 2022**

The public hearing was opened at 7:47pm by Chair Don Ritchie under MGL Chapter 131 §40 Wetland Protection Act and the Code of the Town of Harvard Chapter 119 Wetland Protection Bylaw virtually, pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, An Act Relative to Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency and signed into law on June 16, 2021.

**Members Present** (and able to vote on this application): Don Ritchie, Wendy Sisson and Joanne Ward

**Others Present:** Liz Allard (Land Use Administrator/Conservation Agent), Paul Willard, Jaye Waldron and Mark Shaw

This hearing was continued from February 17, 2022 for a Request to Amend the Order of Conditions filed on behalf of Luciano Manganella to revise the utility connections to a single-family dwelling with temporary impacts to the wetland resource area and the 100' wetland buffer zone at 175 Littleton County Road, Harvard.

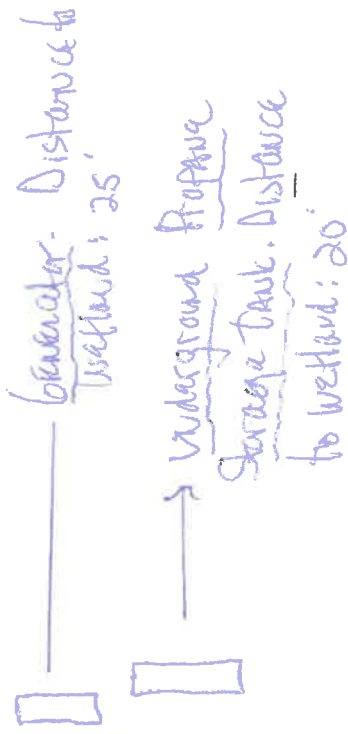
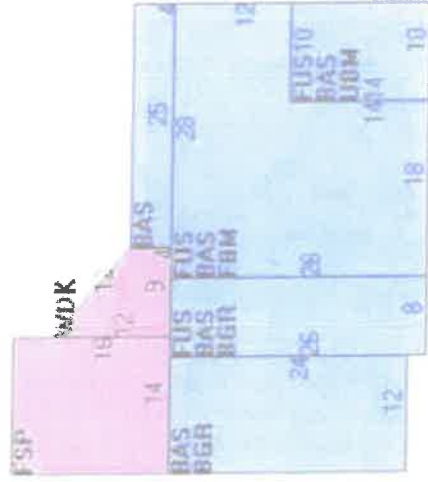
With no word from the applicant's representative regarding input from the Natural Heritage and Endanger Species Program, Joanne Ward made a motion to continue the hearing to March 17, 2022 at 7:30pm. Wendy Sisson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion by a roll call, Wendy Sisson, aye; Joanne Ward, aye and Don Ritchie, aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Allard,  
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McCarthy Generator Project  
 39 Jacobs Lakes Road  
 Norwood, MA 01451

Distance of drive  
 side of drive  
 house to  
 wetland: 77'



No Wetland in front of house.

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 MAR 10 2022



Location of  
the Generator



↑  
Location of the  
Underground  
Propane Storage  
Tank  
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## Lights

Perla Walling REALTOR <perla@perlawalling.com>

Fri 03/04/22 9:44 AM

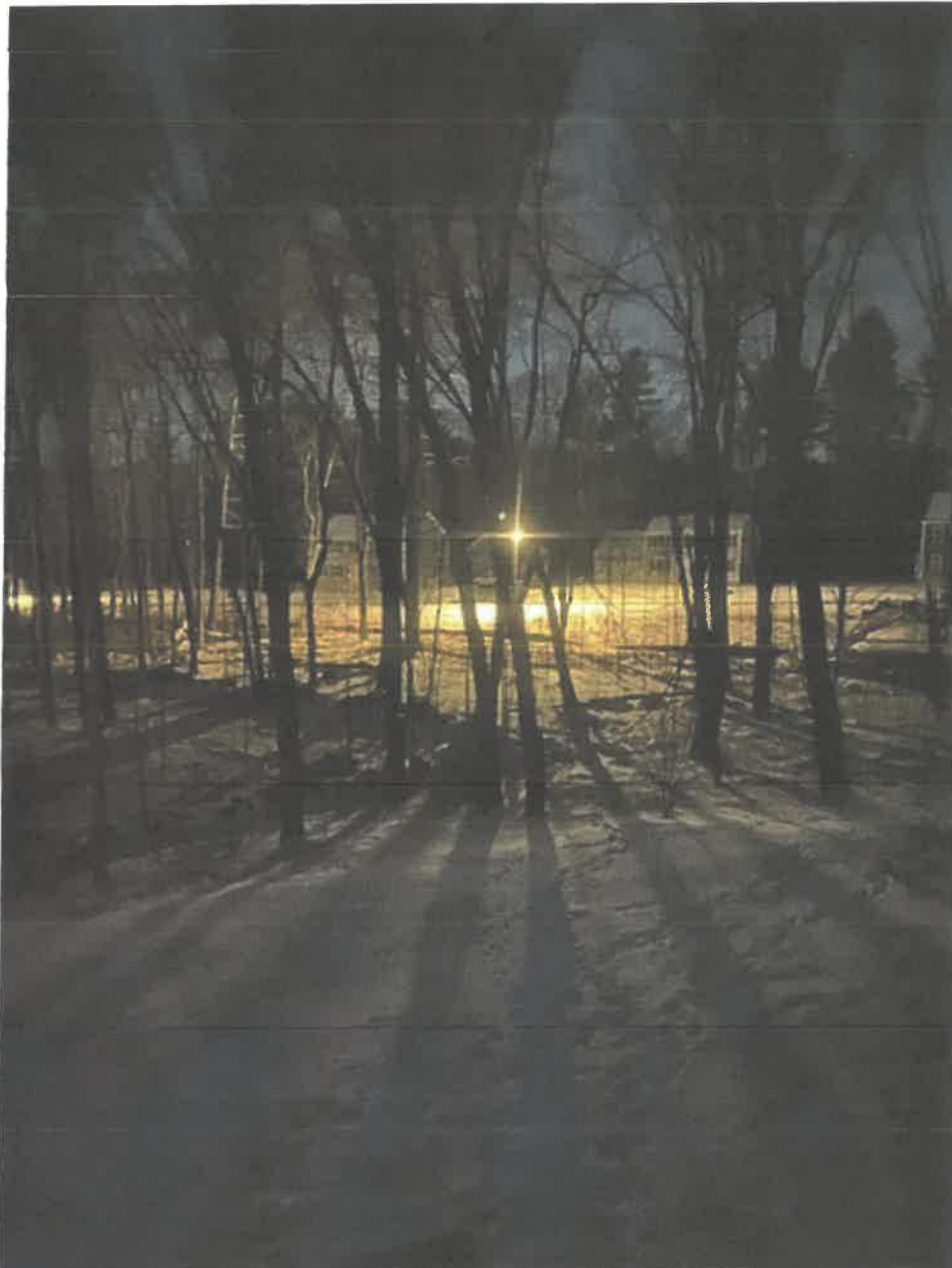
To: Liz Allard <lallard@harvard-ma.gov>

Good morning Liz,

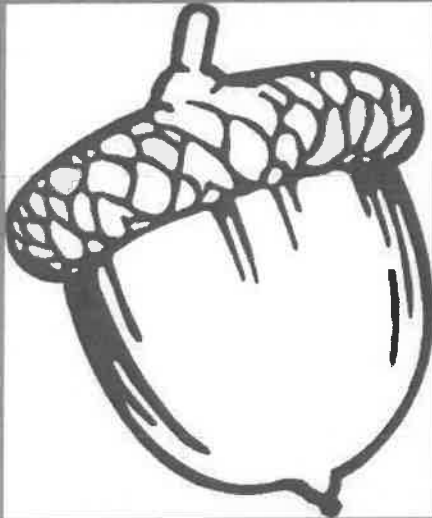
there has been a lot of chatter on Nextdoor Harvard about light pollution at night.

I am not sure this is what was intended but the development next-door is so bright that the light penetrates the interior of our home!

Here is a snapshot of just one of their street light and how much it lights up the entire wetlands!



# HARVARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION



## REUBEN REED LAND

PERMISSION  
FOR USE  
FORM

The Reuben Reed land, within the historic Town Center of Harvard, is a small (less than 1/2 an acre) parcel of land located southeast of the Town Common on the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Park Street. This land was gifted to the Town in 1968 and includes a portion of Park Street, as well as a small portion of the adjoining land. The Conservation Commission has the responsibility to manage and control the property, which comes with the stipulations listed below.

Any community, civic, or non-profit group interested in using the land for event must submit this form to the Conservation Commission's Agent at least two weeks prior to any event.

### GUIDELINES

The Conservation Agent shall have the authorization to approve the use of the property.

Use of the site will be for a specific timeframe as approved by the Conservation Agent.

Any refuse generated on the site shall be removed daily.

The site shall be returned to its original condition at the end of its use; care should be taken to minimize any disturbance of the land.

Parking shall only be temporary during the event. No overnight parking shall be allowed.

There shall be no driving on or across the grassed areas.

The use of portable toilets is prohibited.

### To be completed by the applicant

Organization:

Contact Person:

Contact Number & Email:

Activity:

Dates Requested:

I attest I have read the stipulations and guidelines above and understand I am fully responsible to abide by them.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_