

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2017

Pursuant to the notice filed with the Town Clerk, a meeting of the Natural Resources Commission was held at 141 Keyes Road, first floor conference room, Concord, MA at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, March 6, 2017. The following Commissioners were present: Lynn Huggins, Chair, Jeff Adams, Greg Higgins, Chip Poutasse, and Judy Zaunbrecher. Natural Resources Director Delia Kaye was also present.

Chair Huggins called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Nature Preserve Restriction - 83X Monument Street

Chair Huggins explained that Gordon Hutchins sold this 170-acre parcel to Harvard in 1967. The deed included restrictions that allow two generations of his descendants certain rights of passage, and limit use of the property to a nature preserve. The Nature Preserve restriction was imposed for the benefit of other lands in Estabrook owned by Gordon Hutchins, including Punkatasset conservation land which was sold by Mr. Hutchins to the Town in 1971.

Ellie Bemis, one of Gordon Hutchins' grandchildren, has requested that the Natural Resources Commission, as an owner benefited by the restriction, execute a Notice of Restriction to ensure that the Restriction is institutionalized. In the unlikely event that Harvard attempts to divest itself of its Estabrook holdings, executing the Restriction provides enforcement standing to the NRC. The Notice of Restriction will expire in 20 years unless it is re-recorded prior to May 8, 2037.

Commissioner Adams moved to execute a Notice of Restriction on the 170-acre parcel of land at 83X Monument Street (assessor's parcel 1436-2). Judy Zaunbrecher seconded. All so voted.

Commissioner Adams moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Zaunbrecher. All so voted. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Delia R. J. Kaye
Natural Resources Director