

Conservation Commission

Town of Upton



Massachusetts

Upton Conservation Commission Decision Document and Press Release

Subject: Proposed Changes to Town of Upton Land Use Regulations

Date: October 15, 2010

Background: A public hearing was held on September 22, 2010 to discuss changes to the town's December 13, 2006 Land Use Regulations. The changes were proposed by a residents group. The proposed changes would expand the no hunting setback zone from occupied dwellings near the Richard and Naomi Howarth Conservation Area from 500 ft. to 1000 ft. The current Upton regulations adopt Commonwealth of Massachusetts laws and regulations, which require a 500 ft. setback.

Decision: The Commission has considered statements made at the September 22, 2010 hearing and other information received pertinent to the proposal to amend town land use regulations. At the October 13, 2010 meeting, the Commission voted to make no changes in the regulations. This decision means that hunting on all town conservation areas will continue to be allowed pursuant to Commonwealth of Massachusetts laws and regulations. The Commission directed the Upton Land Stewardship Committee to post warning signs along the 500 ft. no-hunting setback at the Richard and Naomi Howarth Conservation Area.

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