



Town of West Boylston

140 Worcester Street, West Boylston, Massachusetts 01583

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Date / Time / Location of Meeting

Monday, 5-4-2020/7:00 p.m./IN ORDER TO CONDUCT SOCIAL DISTANCING, MEETING TOOK PLACE AT THE PUBLIC HEARING SITE, 14 BOWEN ST., WEST BOYLSTON, MA.

Members Present

William Chase (Chair), John Hadley (Vice-Chair), David Mercurio (Vice-Chair), Emily Eaton and Clerk Toby Goldstein.

Members NOT Present

Carl Haarmann and Katelyn Ivers (Associate Member)

Invited Guests

N/A

Welcome – Call to Order

Time: 6:00 p.m. (Motion made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Ms. Eaton)

Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes of 3/2/2020

Motion Originator Ms. Eaton (accept as written)

Motion Seconded Mr. Hadley

Treasurer – Financial Report

Per Mr. Chase, continued to June 1, 2020 meeting

Motion to Accept N/A

Seconded N/A

At 6:00 pm, Mr. Hadley made a motion to open the meeting. Ms. Eaton seconded. All in favor.

Public Hearing, David Pare, Request for Determination of Applicability, 14 Bowen St.:

(To maintain social distancing, the public hearing and meeting took place at the site). Mr. Chase read aloud the public hearing notice. Glenn Krevosky, engineer for the project, explained that DCR wanted the Conservation Commission to agree on the wetland line on the property before they look at a variance and an exemption, as the previous owner occupied the property in 1991. He discussed speaking with Nancy McGrath of DCR about this, and said that after the Concomm agreed on the wetland line Mr. Krevosky and Mr. Pare would go

back before Ms. McGrath. Mr. Krevosky mentioned that Ms. McGrath proposed barriers (as long as they stay outside the 200-foot area), and that there was a question regarding the sewer line. He explained that the existing brook is a perennial stream and pointed out where the water flows. He discussed the possibility of running the sewer line down the lot and hitching it into the street. He said that Ms. McGrath instructed him to put this on the plan and show what he is proposing, such as where the house would be located. In response to questions from Mr. Mercurio and Mr. Hadley, Mr. Krevosky pointed out where the sewer would be running and how far over it would go, and where the house, driveway and frontage would be. Mr. Chase added that the balance of the frontage is on Prospect Street. Mr. Krevosky then reiterated that the RDA purpose was for the wetland line; they are not yet proposing to do work. In response to Ms. Eaton, Mr. Krevosky pointed out the house and barn. Mr. Chase explained that the owner wants to divide the property, and that he needs the Concomm's approval of the wetland line in order to proceed with the other Town boards; then they will file a Notice of Intent with the Conservation Commission. Mr. Krevosky summarized that the determination would be positive due to the wetland line, there is no work proposed at this time, no Town bylaw is involved, and that the question of the wetland line is under Concomm's jurisdiction but after the Commission agrees on the wetland line, he will go back to DCR. He added that, because of having required frontage, they will seek an ANR from Planning Board. He explained that the sewer line wasn't in the road in 1991 and that one is allowed one additional house (exemption) and a variance is needed for the second house; Mr. Krevosky then showed those present the plans again, and pointed out where the sewer is located and explained why it has to come down at a certain place, and said that DCR wants to know what they want to do on the variance lot and on the exemption lot. He showed Ms. Eaton where the house will be on the hill, and also pointed out the wetland line and the perennial brook (he mentioned a trout issue) and the property setbacks, and explained where work can and cannot be done.

With no further questions or comments, Mr. Hadley made a motion to close the public hearing. Ms. Eaton seconded. All in favor. Mr. Hadley then made a motion to issue a positive determination, instructing the applicant to return with an NOI filing after meeting with the other boards. Ms. Eaton seconded. All in favor. (Mr. Chase mentioned that DCR wanted to meet with them once the applicant proposes what he wants to do).

Minutes of March 2, 2020 Meeting:

After review of the draft minutes by the Commission members, Ms. Eaton made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Hadley seconded. All in favor.

Next scheduled meeting – JUNE 1, 2020

With nothing further to discuss, Ms. Eaton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 p.m. Mr. Hadley seconded. All in favor.

Submitted by: _____

Reviewed by: _____

Date submitted: _____

