



Town of West Boylston

140 Worcester Street, West Boylston, Massachusetts 01583

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Date / Time / Location of Meeting

Monday, 7/18/2022 6:00p.m./ MEETINGS TAKING PLACE AT WEST BOYLSTON TOWN HALL, LAND USE MEETING ROOM

Members Present

William Chase (Chair), David Mercurio (Vice-Chair), Colin Cahill, Emily Eaton, Carl Haarmann, Jeffrey Perkins (Associate Member) and Clerk Toby Goldstein.

Members NOT Present

None

Invited Guests

N/A

Welcome – Call to Order

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes of 5/2/22 Meeting

Motion Originator Carl Haarmann

Motion Seconded Jeffrey Perkins

Treasurer – Financial Report

Mr. Chase reviewed the report prior to the meeting; he briefly discussed with board this evening.

Motion to Accept N/A

Seconded N/A

At 6:00 pm, Mr. Haarmann made a motion to open the meeting. Mr. Mercurio seconded the motion. All in favor.

Request for Certificate of Compliance, Gallo Builders, DEP File #327-0283, 81 Franklin Street:

(Steven Gallo represented). Mr. Chase told Mr. Gallo and the board that he had no problem with the proposal. He asserted that the photos sent with the Request for Certificate of Compliance filing were fine (the board members also had a chance to review this filing prior to the meeting). With no questions or comments, Mr. Haarmann made a motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance for the above DEP File Number, for the property at 81 Franklin Street. Mr. Perkins seconded. All in favor.

Other Business:

Minutes of June 6, 2022 Meeting: After review of the draft minutes by the board members, Mr. Perkins made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Mr. Haarmann seconded. All in favor.

Update on 0 Bowen St. (no public hearing taking place), based on information sent to MA DEP and cc'd to Concomm: Mr. Chase explained to all present that Scott Goddard, representing Sturbridge Warren, LLC, for 0 Bowen St. (which was previously denied an Order of Conditions by the Commission) had sent further information to MA DEP as they were appealing the denial from the Commission. He explained that the applicant was filing a 401, was looking for a change of plan approval (he described some things that were being moved around on the property, including removing the wetlands from the area of work. In response to Caitlyn White of ?, Mr. Chase replied that the board can still deny the new proposal, but Mr. Goddard was basically notifying them that he is still planning to build there. Also in response to Ms. White, Mr. Chase replied that Mr. Goddard cannot use pesticides herbicides to destroy the Japanese Knotweed that he previously mentioned as there are wetlands. Mr. Chase explained to Ms. Eaton and the others how the Knotweed must be removed; it must be dug up and burned, and new soil must be replaced where the Knotweed was taken out. Mr. Chase also explained that MA DEP had wanted more information from the applicant but no decision has been made yet.

Informal Discussion Regarding Maple Farm, Prospect Street:

Mr. Chase explained that he might issue a Cease and Desist to the property owner as he was clearing trees, which were falling into the street, and the property is located in the watershed; no more work was to be done. He added that there is a concern because of lead paint on the house and the owner must clean it somehow; Mr. Chase explained that the owner cannot change the footprint in the watershed. He added that he has to stabilize the property. Mr. Chase will give the owner a Cease and Desist tomorrow through George Tignor, Building Inspector.

Vote for Authorized Signatures for Fiscal Year 2023:

After discussion by the board members, Ms. Eaton made a motion that Mr. Chase's and Mr. Mercurio's be the authorized signatures for Ms. Goldstein's time sheets and invoices (as was done in the past, with the Chair and Vice-Chair(s) being the only ones authorized). Mr. Haarmann seconded. All in favor.

Minutes of June 6, 2022 Meeting:

After review of the draft minutes by the board, Mr. Perkins made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Haarmann seconded. All in favor.

Treasurer's/Financial Report: Mr. Chase reviewed the most recent report prior to the meeting and discussed it briefly this evening with the board.

Miscellaneous Mail and Paperwork: Mr. Chase had reviewed any mail prior to the meeting and informed the board that there was nothing of importance for them to go over this evening.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING – MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2022, AT WEST BOYLSTON TOWN HALL.

With no further questions or comments, Mr. Mercurio made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 p.m. Ms. Eaton seconded. All in favor.

Submitted by: _____

Reviewed by: _____

Date submitted: _____