



Town of West Boylston

140 Worcester Street, West Boylston, Massachusetts 01583

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

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| Date / Time / Location of Meeting |
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Monday, 6/6/2022 6:00p.m./ MEETINGS TAKING PLACE AT WEST BOYLSTON TOWN HALL, LAND USE MEETING ROOM

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| Members Present |
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William Chase (Chair), David Mercurio (Vice-Chair), Carl Haarmann, Jeffrey Perkins (Associate Member) and Clerk Toby Goldstein.

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| Members NOT Present |
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Emily Eaton and Colin Cahill

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| Invited Guests |
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N/A

Welcome – Call to Order

Time: 6:01 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 6:01 pm, Mr. Mercurio made a motion to open the meeting. Mr. Perkins seconded the motion. All in favor.

Public Hearing. Melissa Lenker, on behalf of Mass DOT, Request for Determination of Applicability, for the reconstruction and widening of the existing sidewalk on the west side of Worcester Street (Routes 12 and 140), West Boylston, MA, within the State Highway Layout of Worcester Street/Routes 12 and 140 for approximately 2,500 linear feet from Central Street to Goodale Street:

(Mr. Mercurio read aloud the public hearing notice). (Alyssa Jacobs and Courtney Walker represented).

Ms. Jacobs explained that the applicant submitted the Request for Determination for a sidewalk reconstruction project, which will stretch along the section of roadway described above. The plan is to take the existing sidewalk and do realignment, replacement, widening and addition of ADA-compliant ramps at crossings and driveways. They will also plan to do associated minor stormwater upgrades on the catch basins and addition of a catch basin.

She explained that the RDA is needed as the work will be within the riverfront area, within the existing disturbed highway layout. Ms. Jacobs noted that West Boylston Brook flows south to north, under the roadway (she pointed this out to the board) so that the riverfront area extends along most of the project. Ms. Jacobs also noted that the resource areas were flagged by VHB last year.

In response to Mr. Mercurio, Ms. Jacobs replied that MA DOT is funding the project. Ms. Walker replied that the project is planned for summer/fall of 2022. Ms. Jacobs added that it will be put out to bid when all permits are received. She continued that perimeter controls will be used along the entire limits of the work and, upon completion of the work, any disturbance areas will be loomed and reseeded. She also noted that driveways and the road will have ADA-compliant ramps. Ms. Jacobs also described that they will switch out some catch basins; Ms. Walker added that they will add bicycle-safe grates.

With no further questions or comments, Mr. Mercurio made a motion to accept the proposal as presented and issue a negative determination. Mr. Haarmann seconded. All in favor.

Public Hearing, Malcolm Beauvais, Request for Determination of Applicability, for the installation of a gas line at 35 Scarlett Street, West Boylston, MA:

(Malcolm Beauvais represented). (Mr. Mercurio read aloud the public hearing notice). Mr. Beauvais gave site maps to the board. Mr. Chase explained that Mr. Beauvais was before the board because his property is within the watershed. Mr. Beauvais added that they want to have gas service because it would be less expensive than oil and he asserted that it would be somewhat cleaner than oil; in response to Mr. Mercurio, he replied that he is not able to burn wood. Mr. Chase was familiar with the project and the site and informed the board that he had no issues with the project. With no questions or comments by the board, Mr. Haarmann made a motion to approve the proposal as presented and issue a negative determination. Mr. Perkins seconded. All in favor.

Other Business:

Minutes of May 2, 2022 Meeting: After review of the draft minutes by the board members, Mr. Haarmann made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Mr. Perkins seconded. All in favor.

Reorganization of the Concomm Board: Mr. Chase and the board decided to postpone the reorganization to the July 11 meeting as there were full members who were not present this evening.

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, JULY 11, 2022, AT WEST BOYLSTON TOWN HALL.

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

Submitted by: _____

Reviewed by: _____

Date submitted: _____

