



Town of West Boylston
140 Worcester Street, West Boylston, Massachusetts 01583

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Date / Time / Location of Meeting
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Monday, 5-6-2019/7:00 p.m./West Boylston Town Offices, Rm. 120/131

Members Present

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

Members NOT Present

Emily Eaton and Katelyn Ivers (Associate Member)

Invited Guests

N/A

Welcome – Call to Order

Time: 7:00 p.m. (Motion made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Mercurio)

Approval of Previous Minutes

March 18, 2019 Meeting

Motion Originator Mr. Mercurio

Motion Seconded Mr. Hadley

Treasurer – Financial Report

Mr. Chase looked over the latest report prior to the meeting.

Motion to Accept N/A

Seconded N/A

At 7:00 pm, Mr. Hadley made a motion to open the meeting. Mr. Mercurio seconded. All in favor.

Informal Discussion Regarding 56 Hosmer Street:

(Mr. Hadley had requested that this subject be added to the agenda; the address turned out to be 96 Hosmer Street). (Mr. Mercurio recused himself, as he informed the board that he previously did work at that property). Mr. Santimaw explained to the board that he had a seasonal wetland on his property, which is wet for three months in the spring, and dry in the summer; he asked if he could make this into a pond? Mr. Chase suggested that he call Gary Peterson, and explained that Mr. Peterson's brother, Bruce, did pond work many years ago. In response to a question from Mr. Hadley, Mr. Santimaw replied that the area in question does become completely dry after six months. In response to a question from Mr. Votruba, Mr. Santimaw replied that the area is 80' x 60' in size. Mr. Votruba opined that he would not call it a wetland, but a low lying drainage area instead, and added

that it is not within the 100 foot buffer zone. Mr. Chase and Mr. Votruba agreed that Mr. Santimaw should file a Request for Determination of Applicability to define what the area is. Mr. Santimaw, looking at a map of the area, asked if it might be an isolated land subject to flooding? Mr. Votruba noted that, if a wetland is altered, then the owner must replicate. Mr. Chase instructed Mr. Santimaw to stake off the area and the Concomm will do a site visit, adding that he has to have the work area defined by an engineer and the board needs that paperwork. Ms. Goldstein took Mr. Santimaw's email address to send him a Request for Determination form and explain the fees. Mr. Santimaw added that the house is built already; Mr. Chase responded that the board needs to know where the house is located.

Treasurer's Report and/or financial approvals:

Mr. Chase read the account balances to the board members. Mr. Hadley asked about the funds that the Town gave towards Ms. Goldstein's pay, and opined that any Town funds that are not needed should be given back to the Town.

Update on Mr. Chase's Plan for Trails:

Mr. Chase informed the board members that he had not drawn it out yet, but he had the print and documentation and knew where the land was actually located.

Next scheduled meeting – JUNE 3, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

With no further questions or comments, Mr. Mercurio made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. Mr. Hadley seconded. All in favor.

Submitted by: _____

Reviewed by: _____

Date submitted: _____