



TOWN OF WEST BOYLSTON PLANNING BOARD planningboard@westboylston-ma.gov
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MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2024

Members Present: Vincent Vignaly, Marc Frieden, Francesco Lopriore, Kevin LaClaire

Members Absent: Barur Rajeshkumar

Others Present: Jaurice Schwartz (Weston & Sampson), David Femia

All documents referenced in these Minutes are stored and available for public inspection in the Planning Board Office located at 140 Worcester Street.

The meeting was opened by Vice Chair Vignaly at 7:00 p.m.

Citizens' Comments – Dave Femia asked if the board would be working on bylaws this year. Mr. Vignaly explained that bylaws are typically reviewed for the fall town meeting. Mr. Femia asked about the bylaw for the MBTA and was told the board sent an email to the Town Administrator but has not received a reply.

Mr. Ali was present. Mr. Frieden said the ownership information included in the application for the Amended Approval for Westland Circle Extension needs to be completed. The board cannot issue their decision until that information is provided.

Jaurice Schwartz (Weston & Sampson) – Stormwater Bylaw Discussion – Ms. Schwartz said they reviewed the bylaws and regulations, made some changes/updates, and explained where they are in the current process. The reason is to bring the town into compliance with the MS4 Permit (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System). Talked about were (1) the Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination Bylaw (the DPW Director will be the authority); (2) the Stormwater Management Bylaw (the DPW Director will be the authority or designated authorities dependent on the review being conducted). Mr. Vignaly commented that all but a few permits in the last fifteen years have been issued by the Planning Board because the board was tasked with it, but felt there should be a coordinating supervisor to manage and oversee it; and (3) the Stormwater Management Rules & Regulations. Stormwater Management Rules & Regulations. Mr. Frieden requested that Weston Sampson consider additional language to protect abutting homeowners from stormwater runoff from small projects on their neighbor's property, similar to the bylaw in Weston. An example of the small project issue was found in the Weston Bylaw's FAQ page that answered questions about smaller projects. FAQ page: <https://www.weston.org/DocumentCenter/View/1052/Stormwater-By-law-FAQ-PDF>. The next steps needed for each were discussed. Mr. Vignaly noted that Stormwater is a General Bylaw and only require Planning Board input first and recommendations when it goes to town meeting; it's the responsibility of the Select Board to hold public meetings, advertising, etc.

Comments to ZBA Petition for Special Permit for Construction Yard Use at Lot 1 Century Drive – The draft letter was reviewed and revised. The board had concerns of whether a Special Permit could legally be issued for a portion of the lot. Mr. LaClaire made a motion to approve the letter as amended; Mr. Frieden seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

Review FY25 Planning Board Budget (due January 12th) – The budget was reviewed. Mr. Lopriore will contact Melanie to help with the process.

Reports from Other Boards: None tonight.

There were no invoices tonight for approval. Mr. LaClaire made a motion to approve the draft December 13, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended and Westland Circle Extension Approval Amendments Public Hearing Minutes; Mr. Frieden seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

February 14, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. was confirmed as the next regular meeting date and time.

Mr. LaClaire made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Frieden seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Date Accepted: _____

By: _____
Marc Frieden, Clerk

Submitted by: _____
Melanie Rich