



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

## **Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes**

<b>Date / Time / Location of Meeting</b>	<b>Monday, 1-6-2020/7:00 p.m./West Boylston Town Offices, Land Use Meeting Room #120/131</b>
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<b>Members Present</b>	<b>William Chase (Chair), John Hadley (Vice-Chair), David Mercurio (Vice-Chair), Emily Eaton, Carl Haarmann and Clerk Toby Goldstein.</b>
<b>Members NOT Present</b>	<b>Katelyn Ivers (Associate Member)</b>
<b>Invited Guests</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**Welcome – Call to Order**

**Time: 7:01 p.m. (Motion made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Mercurio)**

**Approval of Previous Minutes**

**Minutes of 11/4/19**

**Motion Originator    Ms. Eaton (accept as written)**

**Motion Seconded    Mr. Haarmann**

**Treasurer – Financial Report**

**Mr. Chase reviewed reports dated 11/30/19 and 10/31/19**

**Motion to Accept    N/A**

**Seconded    N/A**

At 7:01 pm, Mr. Hadley made a motion to open the meeting. Mr. Mercurio seconded. All in favor.

**Minutes of November 4, 2019 Meeting:**

After review of the draft minutes by the board members, Ms. Eaton made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Haarmann seconded. All in favor.

**Update on 405 Prospect Street (Dennis Minnich):**

Mr. Chase informed the board that DCR continued their hearing with Chief Minnich to January 29 at 9 a.m., at DCR on Beaman Street, West Boylston. He said that DCR still needed an engineer's stamp on the plans and

wattles in the front of the house, and they asserted that his deck was impervious and it was part of a continuation of the roof and needed to be included in the footage of the roof. In response to Ms. Eaton, Mr. Hadley replied that the Building Inspector believed that DCR had jurisdiction over the situation even though the Concomm asserted that they had jurisdiction. In response to Mr. Mercurio, Mr. Chase replied that Chief Minnich can start framing, but there was a question about footage. In response to Mr. Hadley, Mr. Chase explained that the drainage will go into a chamber, but he did not have the footage information. He asserted that the house was exempt and therefore they would not have to dig up the driveway for the drainage.

**Update on Mr. Chase's Plan for Trails:**

Mr. Chase told the board that the money for the project is available, and the progress with it is up to Vinny Vignally now. Mr. Hadley informed the board that Mr. Favreau was hired for tree cutting, and there is money available for that (Mr. Chase added that a culvert will be worked on at the same time). In response to Ms. Eaton, Mr. Chase replied that the money is available for the surveying but it had not been done yet.

**Treasurer's Report and/or financial approvals:**

Mr. Chase reviewed and discussed the latest reports, dated 11/30/19 and 10/31/19. He notified the board of how much was in the Concomm account. Mr. Chase brought up a question from Ms. Goldstein regarding the Concomm budget request for the coming fiscal year that was needed later in January by the Town Administrator; Mr. Hadley suggested that the board not request funds towards Ms. Goldstein's wages this coming year, as the Concomm funds were sufficient to take care of that. The rest of the board agreed.

**Questions from Mr. Mercurio Regarding Changes from DEP:**

Mr. Mercurio had questions regarding an e-mail from DEP; one was for an explanation of changes to the procedure of how documents (such as Order of Conditions and Determination of Applicability) were to be sent to DEP going forward, and also changes by DEP regarding wetland vegetation. Ms. Goldstein explained the changes in sending of the documents and that she was going to work on the sending of them by eDEP. There was no further explanation about the vegetation, except that Mr. Mercurio noted that there may have been about 500 species mentioned.

**Miscellaneous Mail and/or Paperwork Including Correspondence from DCR, DEP and MACC;**

Mr. Chase went through this already and found nothing of importance for the board to be aware of that they didn't already receive.

**Sharon F. LaPointe, Esq., The Law Office of Harry P. Kotseas, PC, Request for Certificate of Compliance, 6 Olde Century Farm Road (Lot 13), DEP File #327-0199:**

With no concerns by any members of the board (Mr. Chase noted that he had seen the property), Mr. Hadley made a motion to grant a partial Certificate of Compliance (for 6 Olde Century Farm Road only). Mr. Haarmann seconded. All in favor (No representatives attended the meeting).

**Wallace E. Baldarelli, Jr., Request for Certificate of Compliance, 301 Sterling St. (aka Worcester Road, aka Route 12), DEP File #327-0272:**

With no concerns mentioned by any members of the board, Mr. Hadley made a motion to grant a Certificate of Compliance to the above project. Mr. Haarmann seconded. All in favor. (No representatives attended the meeting).

**Next scheduled meeting – FEBRUARY 3, 2020**

With nothing further to discuss, Mr. Haarmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Mr. Mercurio seconded. All in favor.

**Submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reviewed by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date submitted:** \_\_\_\_\_