



Town of West Boylston

140 Worcester Street, West Boylston, Massachusetts 01583

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Date / Time / Location of Meeting

Monday, 6-1-2020/6:00 p.m./ IN ORDER TO CONDUCT SOCIAL DISTANCING, MEETING TOOK PLACE AT THE PUBLIC HEARING SITE, 230 GOODALE ST., WEST BOYLSTON, MA.

Members Present

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

Members NOT Present

Katelyn Ivers (Associate Member)

Invited Guests

N/A

Welcome – Call to Order

Time: 6:00 p.m. (Motion made by Mr. Mercurio, seconded by Mr. Hadley)

Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes of 5/4/2020

Motion Originator Ms. Eaton (accept as written)

Motion Seconded Mr. Hadley

Treasurer – Financial Report

Per Mr. Chase, continued to July 6, 2020 meeting

Motion to Accept N/A

Seconded N/A

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

Public Hearing, Rebecca Bowman, Request for Determination of Applicability, 230 Goodale St.

(To maintain social distancing, the public hearing and meeting took place at the site). Mr. Chase read aloud the public hearing notice. The board and Ms. Bowman discussed the work that they propose to do; they wish to construct a 17 foot x 26 foot addition off the west wing of the house and replace the existing oversized deck with a 27 foot x 22 foot living room over a garage, at 230 Goodale Street, West Boylston, MA. Ms. Bowman

had roped off these two work areas so that the board could see where they intended to work. Mr. Chase and Mr. Mercurio suggested to Ms. Bowman and Mr. Conn (her husband) that they increase the 22 feet of the living room measurement to 24 feet. In response to questions from the board, Ms. Bowman showed the Concomm members where the driveway, living room, garage and deck will be located, and Mr. Chase noted that the bedroom at the far end of the house is exempt, due to being out of the 100-foot zone from the wetlands. The Commission members noted the existence of a pond there. Ms. Bowman pointed out where the sewer line runs. After the board inspected the grounds in relation to the intended work, and there were no more questions or comments, Mr. Hadley made a motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Mercurio seconded. All in favor. Mr. Hadley then made a motion to issue a positive determination. Mr. Mercurio seconded. All in favor. Ms. Goldstein informed Ms. Bowman that, after she completes the paperwork for the determination, she will send it certified mail/return receipt to her. Mr. Chase replied to Ms. Bowman that, when the board issues the determination, they will change the 22-foot measurement to 24 feet.

Extension of Order of Conditions, Div. of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance, DEP File #327-0267, 5 Paul X. Tivnan Dr.:

After discussion of the work done under the Order of Conditions (the construction of a new building, widening of an existing perimeter road, fencing, grading, and utility work as part of a project to develop a new combined intake, medical, and regional lock-up at the Worcester County House of Corrections), the board unanimously voted to extend the Order of Conditions for three years, to June 1, 2023.

Minutes of May 4, 2020 Meeting:

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

Informal Discussion Regarding DCR Maintenance Plan for Gates Brook (behind S & S Deli) and 98 Prospect St.:

Mr. Chase informed the board of these subjects, which involved the owner of S and S Deli taking care of maintenance of the lot behind his property and next to his property (which is owned by DCR). Emails were sent to the Commission by DCR, which contained a letter sent to the owner of 98 Prospect Street, notifying her that she must discontinue tree cutting along the stream flowing through her property. They also informed her of Wetlands Protection Act regulations guiding activities taking place within certain distances from the stream bank, including agricultural operations. DCR (Division of Water Supply Protection) also sent to the Commission a copy of their general maintenance plan for Gates Brook and the associated buffer zone, from Lebanon Street to Chapman Street (these documents are on file).

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING – JULY 6, 2020

With no further business to discuss, Ms. Eaton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m. Mr. Hadley seconded. All in favor.

Submitted by: _____

Reviewed by: _____

Date submitted: _____

