



Town of West Boylston

140 Worcester Street, West Boylston, Massachusetts 01583

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Date / Time / Location of Meeting

Monday, 3/7/2022 6:00p.m./ MEETINGS TAKING PLACE AT WEST BOYLSTON TOWN HALL, LAND USE MEETING ROOM

Members Present

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

Members NOT Present

Colin Cahill

Invited Guests

N/A

Welcome – Call to Order

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes of 11/1/2021 Meeting

Motion Originator

Ms. Eaton – approved as written

Motion Seconded

Mr. Haarmann – approved as written

Minutes of 2/15/2022 Meeting – Continued to April 4 Meeting (Motion made by Mr. Mercurio, seconded by Ms. Eaton)

Treasurer – Financial Report

Mr. Chase reviewed the report prior to the meeting; discussed with board.

Motion to Accept

N/A

Seconded

N/A

At 6:00 pm, Ms. Eaton made a motion to open the meeting. Mr. Haarmann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Public Hearing, Matthew MacAdams, Request for Determination of Applicability, 38 Henry Street:

(Matthew MacAdams represented). (Mr. Mercurio read aloud the public hearing notice). Mr. MacAdams brought a copy of the plans with him. He explained to the board that he put an addition on his home; he pointed

out the first floor of the existing house and existing bedroom and described that he put on an L-shaped bath, living area and wet bar. He noted the new foundation. He also described the upstairs, with two bedrooms for the children and storage. Mr. Chase showed the board the proximity to the brook of the property and showed and explained photos of the existing conditions. He explained that, during an inspection of the O Bowen Street property, which was not granted an Order of Conditions several months ago and had applied to DEP for a superseding Order of Conditions, it was noticed while walking the perimeter of that property that Mr. MacAdams did not have a permit from the Concomm to build the addition. That is why he needed to file the Request for Determination. Mr. Chase noted that the area is stabilized and wattles were placed and that Mr. MacAdams has some brush on the side and front yard so Mr. Chase said that he needs to put some hay down. Mr. Chase explained that the Commission's concern is keeping mud from going into the street. In response to Ms. Eaton, Mr. Chase explained that the brook is at the property line and the property slopes downward at the addition. In response to Mr. Mercurio, Mr. MacAdams replied that his property is located halfway up Henry Street, and he commented that it is a steep road. He described where his property is located, and noted that the back yard backs up to Bowen Street and pointed out that the stream is behind and on the side of his property. He asserted that the O Bowen St. property affects his property directly.

Mr. Chase told the board that whatever he would have told the applicant to do was already done. With no further comments or questions, Mr. Mercurio made a motion to accept what the board reviewed this evening and grant a negative determination. Mr. Haarmann seconded. All in favor. (Mr. Chase explained to Mr. MacAdams that he should roll up the wattles when done, and stabilize the front of the lawn by, for example, placing haybales there. He noted that the applicant basically had already done anything that would affect the water, and that he will give a copy of the Determination to the Building Inspector). (Mr. Perkins asked if the aforementioned brook feeds into Wachusett Reservoir? Mr. Chase explained where it flows and noted that it is part of the Gates Brook system. In response to Mr. Haarmann, Mr. Chase replied that some of the water is piped and explained and showed where it is piped and then opens up again into open water. In response to Mr. MacAdams, Mr. Chase replied that he did not need to take any other action).

OTHER BUSINESS:

Minutes of November 1, 2021 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.

Minutes of February 15, 2022 Meeting:

As there were questions regarding the minutes, Mr. Chase suggested that the minutes be continued to the next meeting. Mr. Mercurio made a motion to continue the minutes to the April 4, 2022 meeting. Ms. Eaton seconded. All in favor.

Treasurer's/Financial Report: Mr. Chase reviewed the most recent report prior to the meeting and discussed it this evening with the board.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING – MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2022, AT WEST BOYLSTON TOWN HALL.

With no further questions or comments, Mr. Mercurio made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m. Mr. Perkins seconded. All in favor.

Submitted by: _____

Reviewed by: _____

Date submitted: _____

