



Town of West Boylston

140 Worcester Street, West Boylston, Massachusetts 01583

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes – SPECIAL MEETING

:

Thursday, 10/19/2023 10:00 a.m./ MEETING TOOK PLACE AT 256
WORCESTER STREET (PROPERTY OF MARK MEOLA)

Members Present
Members NOT Present
Invited Guests

William Chase (Chair), Carl Haarmann (Vice-Chair) and Emily Eaton.

Colin Cahill, Jeffrey Perkins (Associate Member) and Clerk Toby Goldstein

Mark Meola

Welcome – Call to Order

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Approval of Previous Minutes

N/A

Motion Originator

N/A

Motion Seconded

N/A

Treasurer – Financial Report

N/A

Motion to Accept

N/A

Seconded

N/A

The Conservation Commission visited the site of Mark Meola's condominiums at 256 Worcester Street. As the Clerk, Ms. Goldstein, was not present, Ms. Eaton took notes; she gave Ms. Goldstein permission to use these for minutes of the meeting, and to add any comments from Mr. Chase. At 10:00 a.m., Ms. Eaton made a motion to open the meeting. Mr. Haarmann seconded. All in favor. Mr. Chase called the meeting to order.

Ms. Eaton explained that the board saw all the waddles that Mr. Meola had put into place and noted the slope of the land. They then walked over to the driveway of the Gates Brook Landing Condominiums at 250 Worcester Street and saw the drain that had been clogged, saw their retention pond and noted that the slope of the land between 256 and the driveway of 250 was a hill between the two so no dirt or debris could get from 256 to 250 as had been claimed by residents of 250 previously; also, water does not go into their retention pond from 256 either. The board also saw that the neighboring church land is sloped downward so any runoff including loose soil could easily make its way to the residents' drainage ditch.

The board then drove over to the land up behind Mr. Meola's ice cream stand and looked at the land being filled and the emergency access road and could see the condos from the hill. Mr. Chase said that the board will have another meeting with the Town Administrator, he will obtain letters from DCR and DEP, then the Town Administrator can issue a letter from the Town with the findings on this situation, including from the Fire Dept. and the Building Inspector.

With no further discussion taking place, Ms. Eaton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11 a.m. Mr. Haarmann seconded. All in favor.

Submitted by: _____

Reviewed by: _____

Date submitted: _____

