



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

## **Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes**

<b>Date / Time / Location of Meeting</b>
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**Monday, 4-1-2019/7:00 p.m./West Boylston Town Offices, Rm. 120/131**

<b>Members Present</b>
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**William Chase (Chair), David Mercurio (Vice-Chair), John Hadley (Vice-Chair), Carl Haarmann, and Clerk Toby Goldstein.**

<b>Members NOT Present</b>
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**Emily Eaton and Katelyn Ivers (Associate Member)**

<b>Invited Guests</b>
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**N/A**

**Welcome – Call to Order**

**Time: 7:00 p.m. (Motion made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Haarmann)**

**Approval of Previous Minutes**

**March 18, 2019 Meeting**

**Motion Originator Mr. Hadley**

**Motion Seconded Mr. Mercurio**

**Treasurer – Financial Report**

**Mr. Chase looked over the latest report prior to the meeting.**

**Motion to Accept N/A**

**Seconded N/A**

At 7:00 pm, Mr. Hadley made a motion to open the meeting. Mr. Haarmann seconded. All in favor.

**Minutes of March 18, 2019 Meeting:**

After review of the draft minutes by the Concomm members, and a few items were discussed, Mr. Hadley made a motion to approve the minutes with the changes discussed. Mr. Mercurio seconded. All in favor. THE FOLLOWING IS ADDED FOR THE RECORD: Regarding the Request for Certificate of Compliance for Matthew Marcello, 317 West Boylston Street, DEP File #327-0192, Chair William Chase submitted the application for approval of Certificate of Compliance of said property after inspection.

**Update on Poison Ivy Maintenance Plan by Katelyn Ivers:**

(Ms. Ivers was unable to attend the meeting this evening). Mr. Chase informed the Concomm members that the Town does not own the land on either side of the trail that was being considered for poison ivy treatment, so the Concomm will need to find another place; he mentioned some land on Maple Street. In response to a question from Mr. Mercurio, Mr. Chase replied that Beaman Street, which they had talked about treating several months ago, supposedly had poison ivy removal already. Mr. Hadley and Mr. Mercurio, however, thought that it was not done. In response to Mr. Hadley, Mr. Mercurio explained that all of Route 140 from Sterling to Boylston is maintained by the Town of West Boylston, even though it is state highway. (The board members then discussed who owns and maintains which properties along the highways, Routes 140, 110 and 12, and also discussed other projects that they would like to do). Mr. Chase said that they will need to obtain a letter for the property that they choose to work on, stating who owns it, in order to apply for funds. Mr. Mercurio commented that he thought that DCR owned the land on Beaman Street that they originally talked about treating and he commented that there are many areas with poison ivy problems in the Town and the board discussed a few of them. Mr. Chase responded that he would want to have one area done as a pilot type of project. The board then discussed means of funding the project, such as possible funds from DCR or CPC (3 to 1 matching funds), or the Parks Department and gave some examples of where they might consider doing this work. Mr. Chase and Mr. Hadley then discussed some ideas for projects for the Town where Bob's Hot Dogs used to be located; these included parking to keep vehicles off the street, benches, vendors, and possibly addition of electricity. Mr. Haarmann then opined that, regarding the use of the goats for the poison ivy removal, that the goats should be seen, and thought that the school system should be contacted as they might want to be involved. Mr. Mercurio opined that ballfields and school yards probably have poison ivy. Mr. Haarmann thought that this would keep the children busy also. Mr. Chase opined that someone on the School Committee might be interested, and that this may be a means of financing. Mr. Chase asked Ms. Goldstein to send a note to Ms. Ivers, telling her that he will approach the School Committee, and then he will talk to her about that.

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

Mr. Chase read the account balances to the board members. Mr. Hadley asked about the funds that the Town gave towards Ms. Goldstein's pay, and opined that any Town funds that are not needed should be given back to the Town.

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

Mr. Chase informed the board members that he had not drawn it out yet, but he had the print and documentation and knew where the land was actually located.

**Next scheduled meeting – MAY 6, 2019, 7:00 p.m.**

With no further questions or comments, Mr. Hadley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. Mr. Mercurio seconded. All in favor.

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

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

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

