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PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES
West Boylston Water District (Water Treatment Facility)
699 Thomas Street, West Boylston
September 22, 2021

Members Present: Paul Anderson (Chair), Marc Frieden, Vincent Vignaly, Sarah Miles, Barur Rajeshkumar

Members Absent: None

Others Present: See attached Sign-In Sheet

The hearing notice was read into record. Michael Coveney (Superintendent) and Mike Ohl (CEI) were in attendance. The project is required by Mass DEP Water Supply. Mr. Coveney acknowledged that Mr. Vignaly works for the DCR, an abutter. He asked that Mr. Vignaly remain and act as a member of the board with no concern of a conflict of interest.

Mr. Amico said peer review was done on September 10, 2021 and again on September 20, 2021. Revised information was received today. Mr. Ohl addressed VHB's comments. They will be asking for a waiver to the plan scale requirement. The existing utilities have been added to the plan. For snow removal, the snow will be plowed down the access road and be pushed to the end of it; no deicing chemicals will be used; the area has been identified on the plan. No exterior lighting will extend beyond any property line; the lighting on the facility is limited; it will have wall boxes directed downward; a photometric plan has been submitted to show compliance with zoning.

Regarding stormwater management, they provided a separate report; field data was provided. Mr. Vignaly asked if they had borings to confirm groundwater elevations and was told they do. They need to send them to VHB for review. Mr. Amico said the board could add a condition that they provide information at the location of the basins, VHB will review it, and if there is an issue they come back before the board for an amendment. They have provided the report that indicated the rainfall intensities. The long-term Operation & Maintenance plan has been added to the drawings.

They received confirmation from the Fire Chief that the access road was acceptable. They have provided an updated set of plans dated 9/21/21. Determinations from DCR and Conservation were provided. They confirmed that they were not proposing to do grading on the adjacent property owned by the town. Mr. Frieden asked if the building is a filtration building and the well is nearby. He asked if there would be digging to connect the two together and was told yes. He asked does it disturb the soil enough that it will ruin the drainage. Mr. Ohl said there will be temporary disturbance and they do have provisions for erosion control. Mr. Frieden asked if the building was sprinkled and was told it was. He also asked if the snow storage is on their property. Mr. Ohl said there is an identified easement. Mr. Vignaly asked about parking for

deliveries. Mr. Coveney said deliveries are from the district; no private parties. Mr. Coveney will provide weekly construction reports to the board.

The Chair asked for public comment; there was none. Mr. Frieden made a motion to close the public hearing for 699 Thomas Street; Mr. Rajeshkumar seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

Date Accepted: _____

By: _____
Vincent Vignaly, Clerk

Submitted by: _____
Melanie Rich