



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

[Zoning Board of Appeals] Meeting Minutes

**Date / Time / Location of
Meeting**

Thursday, August 18, 2022/7:00 p.m./THIS MEETING WAS HELD REMOTELY,
VIA ZOOM; NO IN-PERSON PARTICIPATION WAS ALLOWED.

Members Present

Christopher Olson (Chair), Barur Rajeshkumar (Vice-Chair), David Femia
(Clerk), John Benson, Nathaniel Orciani and Secretary Toby Goldstein

Members NOT Present

Andrew Feland and Mark Wyatt (Associate Members)

Invited Guests

Welcome – Call to Order

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Previous Minutes

June 16, 2022

Motion Originator

Mr. Rajeshkumar (Open Session); Mr. Rajeshkumar (Executive Session)

Motion Seconded

Mr. Orciani (Open Session); Mr. Orciani (Executive Session)

Treasurer – Financial Report

Not done at this meeting.

Motion to Accept

N/A

Seconded

N/A

At 7:00 p.m., Mr. Olson called the meeting to order. Mr. Olson announced the names of the members present.

Minutes of June 16, 2022 Meeting (Open Session and Executive Session):

After review of the draft minutes of the Open Session by the board members, no changes were suggested. Mr. Rajeshkumar then made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Orciani seconded. After there were no other comments made on the minutes, Mr. Olson took a roll call vote:

Mr. Rajeshkumar – “yes”

Mr. Orciani – “yes”

Mr. Benson – “abstain”

Mr. Olson – “yes”

The vote was 3 “yes”, 0 “no” and 1 “abstain” (Mr. Benson did not attend that meeting and Mr. Femia was not yet present), therefore the minutes were approved as written.

After review of the draft minutes of the Executive Session by the board members, no changes were suggested. Mr. Rajeshkumar then made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Orciani seconded. After there were no other comments made on the minutes, Mr. Olson took a roll call vote:

Mr. Rajeshkumar – “yes”

Mr. Orciani – “yes”

Mr. Benson – “abstain”

Mr. Olson – yes”

The vote was 3 “yes”, 0 “no” and 1 “abstain”, therefore the minutes were approved as written.

Vote to extend for Good Cause a Special Permit for one year, granted on August 19, 2021, to West Boylston Municipal Lighting Plant for the installation and operation of a 3 Megawatt battery energy storage system (BESS):

Mr. Olson gave a brief history of this Special Permit, which was granted August 19, 2021. The applicant submitted a letter to the ZBA, explaining why they were not able to begin the project yet, and Mr. Olson summarized the reasons that were in the letter. Mr. Olson explained that they expect to begin work in September, 2022, and complete it by the end of the summer of 2023. (Mr. Femia joined the meeting at 7:03 pm). Mr. Olson asked the board members if they had any comments; there were none. Mr. Benson then made a motion to extend the Special Permit for one year. Mr. Rajeshkumar seconded. Mr. Olson then took a roll call vote:

Mr. Rajeshkumar – “yes”

Mr. Orciani – “yes”

Mr. Benson – “yes”

Mr. Femia – “yes”

Mr. Olson – “yes”

The vote was 5 “yes”, 0 “no” and 0 “abstain”, therefore the extension of the Special Permit for one year was granted. (Mr. Olson noted that this vote was sufficient for extension of the Special Permit and no vote sheet was needed).

Other Business:

ZBA Treasurer’s Report – Mr. Olson had seen it prior to the meeting; it was not discussed this evening.

Miscellaneous Mail and Paperwork Needing Signatures/Future Agenda Items/ZBA Report – There was nothing that needed to be discussed at the meeting.

Next Scheduled ZBA Meeting – Thursday, September 15, 2022

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Rajeshkumar made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Femia seconded. A roll call vote was taken by Mr. Olson:

Mr. Rajeshkumar – “yes”

Mr. Orciani – “yes”

Mr. Benson – “yes”

Mr. Femia – “yes”

Mr. Olson – “yes”

The vote was 5 “yes”, 0 “no”, and the board adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Submitted by: _____

Date: _____

Reviewed by: _____

