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**TOWN OF WEST BOYLSTON**  
**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

**May 15, 2012**

Members present: George Bernardin, Steve Blake, Pat Crowley, Bev Goodale, Pat Halpin, Chris Rucho, and Joan Welsh. Absent: Larry Salate

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Pat Crowley, Chairman of the Committee presided and George Bernardin, Secretary, kept the minutes of the meeting.

Donald Lagasse, representing the Boylston Lodge of Freemasons and Attorney Wayne LeBlanc, also of the Freemasons, joined the meeting to discuss the type of restriction agreement that they would be prepared to sign if the Town votes to fund a project to protect the historic stained glass windows at the Lodge as recommended by the CPC at its meeting on March 19, 2012. The Committee's vote on March 19 specified that the recommended funding be subject to the execution and recording of an appropriate conservation restriction and the relevant Article in the warrant for the May 21 Town Meeting states that the funding would be "subject to an historic preservation restriction." After the March 21 meeting, Pat Crowley was advised that a historic preservation restriction cannot be recorded under Massachusetts law because the building has vinyl siding. The representatives of the Lodge indicated that the Lodge would be willing to agree to a restriction of not less than thirty years – and would be willing to extend the agreement for successive thirty year periods if it still owned the building when the prior period expired..

After considerable discussion of how the project could move forward in the absence of a technical historic preservation restriction, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to recommend that the funding be recommended "subject to a restriction agreement" instead of "subject to an historic preservation restriction"

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was voted to adjourn at 6:40 pm.

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

George F. Bernardin, Secretary