

**Semi-Annual Town Meeting
Oct. 17, 2011
Town Clerk Meeting Minutes**

Article 1 Section 3 of the Town of West Boylston's General Bylaws states that "One Hundred (100) legal voters, including the presiding officer and the clerk, shall constitute a quorum, provided that a number less than a quorum may vote an adjournment; and that not more than Seventy-five (75) shall be required to maintain a quorum once the meeting has been called to order by the Moderator and that a quorum of Seventy-five (75) be required to reconvene any adjourned session of any such meeting."

The Town Clerk informed the Moderator that 100 registered voters were in attendance and that the quorum requirement has been met. Town meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

The following people were sworn in as tellers by the Town Clerk;

Barbara Mard	Bruce Peterson
Francine Frost	Carol Peterson
Marcia Cairns	Gordon Cocks
Michael Kittridge	Mary Ellen Cocks

M.G.L. Ch. 39 § 15 accepted Oct. 20, 2008 Semi-Annual Town Meeting. General Bylaws Article I § 7 states: If a two-thirds vote of Town Meeting is required by statute, the Moderator may, at his or her discretion, decline to verify a voice vote by polling the voters or by dividing the meeting, and may record the vote as a two-thirds vote without taking such a count.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was conducted for all the members of the community who have passed and the servicemen and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice serving in the armed forces in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world.

Upon a motion by Kevin McCormick and duly seconded by Christopher Rucho it was unanimously voted to waive the reading of the Warrant and refer it as subject matter only.

ARTICLE 1- AUTHORIZATION TO HEAR THE REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES OF THE TOWN

Motion- Christopher A. Rucho
Second-Kevin M. McCormick

It was unanimously voted to hear special reports of the officers and standing committees of the town.

Parks & Recreation Committee, Jennifer Breen;

The Parks and Recreation department is still running programs, working to add to the current offering. Flyers are available detailing current programs.

If anyone has a talent that they would like to share through a program, like photography or art, please contact the recreation department so we can talk about setting something up.
Looking to connect neighbors and create more of a community in West Boylston. *See Addendum 1*

Council on Aging Director, Marcia Cairns;

Good Evening. My name is Marcia Cairns, I am the Director of the Council on Aging/Senior Center.

When the Selectmen were planning their goals for this year, they asked Mr. Gaumond to examine the Senior Center/Senior Services in West Boylston. This meant the facility of the Senior Center and the services within. I believe this is an important goal, since the 2010 US Census show that there has been a marked increase in Seniors in West Boylston, and that 24.7% of the population are 60 and over. Also, 17.1% of our population is between 50 and 59, which will be a large increase in the Senior population over the next 10 years.

Mr. Gaumond started by meeting with me, and then with the Council on Aging Board. We set up a Senior Forum for a SWOT Exercise on September 9th at the DCR Building on Beaman St. This exercise was quite successful. From the information derived from this exercise, Mr. Gaumond put together a survey and presented it to the Council on Aging Board on September 12th. Suggestions were given and changes made. The final survey was ready and it was sent out in the October Senior center Newsletter, as well as placing copies at the Treasurer's Office and Library. The survey may also be taken online at the Town of West Boylston website. For those who do not have a computer, you may also access it online at the Beaman Library.

I have also placed the survey on the table outside the auditorium for those of you who have not filled one out yet. You may turn the survey in at the Town Hall, Senior Center, with any of our Van Drivers or Meals on Wheels Drivers. Please take a few minutes and fill one out.

After October 31st the surveys will be tallied. Then Mr. Gaumond and I will write a report for the Select Board. *See Addendum 2*

SWAT- Julianne deRivera, Chairperson, Judith Doherty

- Please avail yourselves of the free recycling bins at the DPW. 1,400 bins are available on a first come, first served basis.
- Please take home our new SWAT brochure with up-to-the-minute facts and handy recycling tidbits from the Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycling Center, 131 Raymond Huntington Highway
- Our town trash bags are now available at Walgreens
- DPW Superintendent Silvio Baruzzi noted that our town trash bags will be thicker
- A single stream recycling was instituted last year, our town recycling rate (tons of recyclables over tons of trash) have stayed the same as compared to the separated recycling, hovering at 32%
- The SWAT will be initiating a survey with the hopes of increasing the recycling percentage

Thank you and let's keep up our clean and green efforts. *See Addendum 3*

Town Administrator Leon Gaumond, Jr., **School Committee Chair**, Richard Shaw

Introduced DPW Superintendent Silvio Baruzzi and School Superintendent Dr. Elizabeth Schaper.

Library Director, Louise Howland

The trustees have asked me to give a brief update concerning the town's application for a waiver of

state requirements in order to retain the library's certification.

I completed the state aid application and found, as expected, that the library met all requirements for state aid and certification except one: the municipal appropriation requirement. At this point, the town's budget for the library falls approximately \$45,000 below the state's minimum funding requirement.

Fortunately, the Town Administrator, the Select Board, the Finance Committee, the School Committee, and the people of this town worked very hard together to develop a budget for West Boylston as a whole that treated all Departments fairly when making the necessary budget adjustments.

Because of these efforts and the vote of the state legislature allowing the Board of Library Commissioners to grant waivers as needed to eligible communities I feel strongly that our waiver application will be accepted in January and that we will receive our State Aid Grant and certification at that time. I will continue to provide updates as they are received.

Selectmen Kevin McCormick

Listening Tours- The goal was to establish a Strategic Plan for Municipal Lands in Town. The Board of Selectmen set up "Listening Tours" to reach out to the citizens of the Town and to receive input on what to do with municipal lands and buildings. The first tour in June dealt with specific plots such as the Mixer Building. The second tour was held on Sept. 13th at Hillside Village. There is an additional tour set up at 7 pm on Monday the 24th in the Media Center of the High School. Come and talk about any issues, we are here to listen to what you have to say. We will entertain all town matters brought before the Board.

Trees- 34 Trees were planted on the Town Common and Town owned properties with the help of the Department of Conservation and Recreation Asian Longhorned Beetle Reforestation Program. Trees are still available to the citizens. You can contact the DCR at 508.852.8073 for free trees for your property. There are still many species of trees available for planting.

ARTICLE 2- AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE PERSONNEL BYLAWS

Motion- John J. O'Brien

Second- Christopher A. Rucho

It was unanimously voted to amend Section AA. CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLAN by deleting the following:

11	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
Director of Public Works	60,736.10	65,725.11	70,715.14	75,702.99	80,166.90

ARTICLE 3- AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE PERSONNEL BYLAWS

Motion- Allen R. Phillips

Second- John J. O'Brien

It was unanimously voted to amend the Personnel Bylaws by deleting the following language under **M. HOLIDAYS**

“When a holiday falls on a Saturday, it will be observed on the preceding Friday; when a holiday falls on a Sunday, it will be observed on the following Monday.”

And inserting,

“For those employees who regularly work Monday through Friday, when a holiday falls on a Saturday, it will be observed on the preceding Friday; when a holiday falls on a Sunday, it will be observed on the following Monday. For those employees whose normal work schedule requires them to work Saturday and/or Sunday (either on a regular or periodic basis), holidays that fall on a weekend will be observed on their actual date.”

ARTICLE 4- AUTHORIZATION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR WINDOW PROJECT AT MAJOR EDWARDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Motion- Richard Shaw

Second- John Owanisian

Recommendation of Approval- School Committee, Finance Committee and Capital Investment Committee

School Committee Report Thomas Kane former School Superintendent:

The propose project for the Major Edwards Elementary School will replace the windows and exterior exit doors in five classrooms in the primary wing and all the classrooms that are underneath the gym. These include Special Ed Therapists' Rooms, the Music Room, town Special Education classrooms and the Art Room.

The original plans for the renovation project conducted in the mid 1990's included the replacement of these windows, most of which dates back to the 1950's construction. The windows are single pane windows in a wood frame “store front” system. When it became clear that the cost of the renovation project would supersede the funding voted by the Town, several aspects of the project were “value engineered” out of the final plans. The replacement of these windows was among the renovation cut from the project.

In August of 2010, the MSBA introduced the Green Repair program that offered towns and school districts an opportunity to apply for MSBA funding for school building repair projects that would result in improved energy efficiency for schools. The MSBA would consider Statements of Interest (SOI) related to replacing heating systems, roofing, and window and door systems. In September or early October, West Boylston submitted SOI's for both schools, one for the replacement of the single paned windows at Major Edwards and the second for the repair of chronic leaking in the clerestory windows in the M/HS entrance and Media Center.

Over the winter, both SOI's were given the green light by the MSBA and the School Department selected an owner's project manager, URS, and architect, Reinhart and Associates, in compliance with the MSBA

process. At the May Town Meeting, the Town voted to transfer \$22,000 to the School Department to fund the schematic work that needed to be done, which was completed and submitted to the MSBA Board of Directors. They voted to fund the project on July 27, 2011. The Town has ninety days from that date to approve funding for the project.

After some exploratory work on the M/HS window problem, it was decided that the Town would not pursue the repair of those windows with the Green Repair Project. The strict adherence to the “stretch energy” codes would have required replacement of all the clerestory windows which could be a costly solution to the problem.

The MSBA has approved a project budget of \$325,549. Of this \$266,313 is allocated for construction costs. The MSBA will reimburse the Town at a rate of 56.26% which is \$183,154 of the total allowed budget. The Town’s cost would be \$142,395. However, at Town Meeting the Town must vote to appropriate the entire cost of the project in order to move the project forward.

The bidding process has been started by Reinhart Associates, the architect. The notice was published in the Central Register on Wednesday, October 12th. At this time, the plan is to schedule actual construction in late June 2012, after school is out for the summer.

VOTE

It was unanimously voted to appropriate the sum of \$352,833 to fund a Green Repair Window and Doors Project at the Major Edwards School provided that the town is accepted into the Mass. State Building Authority building program for fiscal year 2012 and further, I move that to fund said appropriation the Town vote to transfer the following sums;

- o **\$13,372.16** from the balance remaining in Article 23 of the 05/16/2005 ATM School Floor Replacement
- o **\$24,431.65** from the balance remaining in Article 22 of the 05/16/2005 ATM School Roof Replacement
- o **\$315,029.19** from Certified Free Cash

ARTICLE 5- VOTE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND PROJECTS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Motion- Community Preservation Cmte. Patrick Crowley
Second- Christopher A. Rucho

It was unanimously voted to that the following amount shall be appropriated from Community Preservation Fund Revenues:

Project	Total Appropriation	Source of Appropriation
Appropriations:		
To Fund for Historical Preservation Purposes:	\$ 24,950	\$24,950 From The Fund Balance Designated for Historical Preservation
The Conservation of Section J of the Mount Vernon Cemetery		

Submitted by and to be Expended
Under the Direction of the Town
Cemetery Trustees.



Figure 1- Beaman/Mount Vernon Cemetery
Fanin-Lehner. Mrs. Persis Beaman d. 1/7/1788, Ezra
Beaman, Esq. 6/14/1811



Figure 2- Beaman/Mount Vernon Cemetery
Fanin-Lehner. General View of Tilted Footstones



Figure 3- Beaman/Mount Vernon Cemetery
Fanin-Lehner. Example of Deteriorating Stone
Vinton-Boylston d. 10/17/1890. Lydia d. 12/9/1868 Row J-11

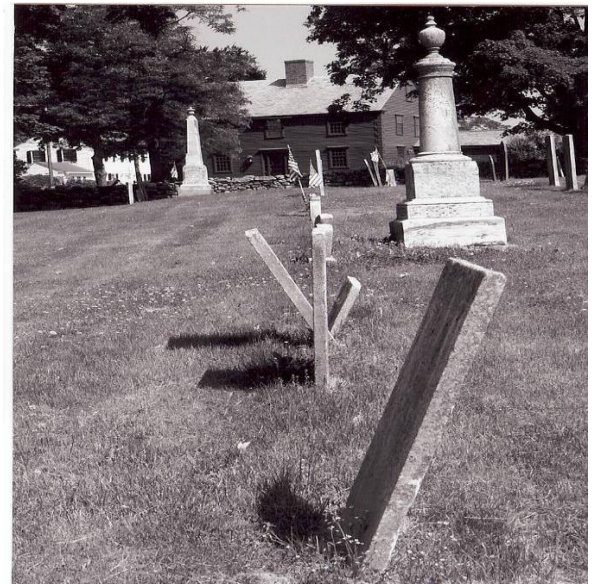


Figure 4- Beaman/Mount Vernon Cemetery
Fanin-Lehner. Row J-8, example of tilted stones.
Calvin Morgan, Jr. d. 10/31/1837

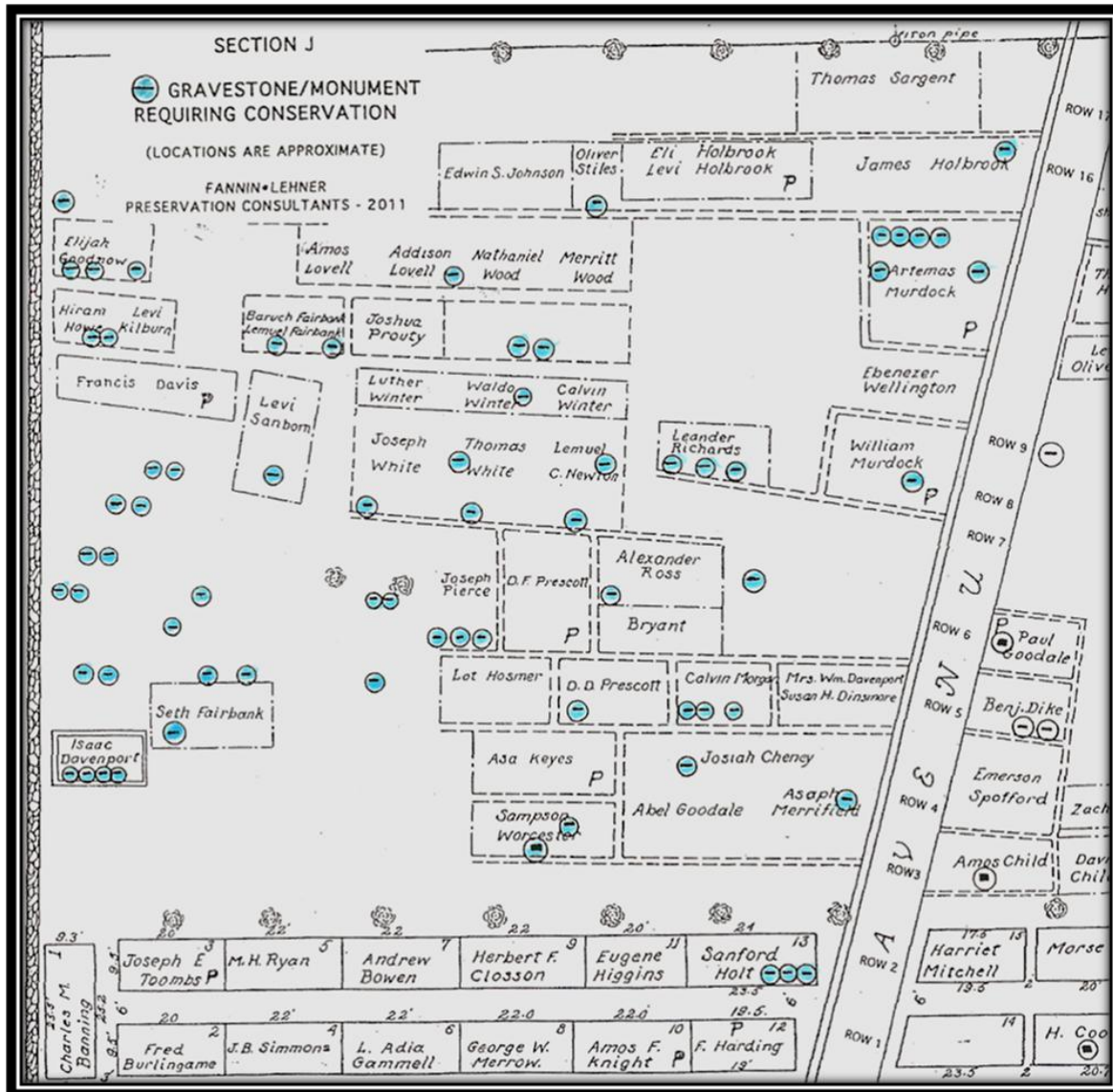


Figure 5- Section J Beaman/Mount Vernon Cemetery, Highlighted blue circles indicate the gravestones or monuments requiring Conservation

ARTICLE 6- AUTHORIZATION TO RESTATE THE FISCAL YEAR 2012 WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET

Motion- Kevin M. McCormick
Second- Steven J. Quist
Recommendation of Approval- Finance Committee

It was unanimously voted to amend its vote under Article 25 of the May16, 2011 Annual Town Meeting and to adopt a revised Fiscal Year 2012 wastewater enterprise budget as follows:

Administration	\$129,958
Operations and Maintenance	\$938,192
Reserve Fund	\$20,000
Debt and Interest Payments	\$417,450
Capital Reserve	\$46,910
Total Budget Appropriation	\$1,552,510

and to meet said appropriation through:

- (1) the appropriation of One Million One Hundred Ninety One Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and No Cents (\$1,191,675) from Fiscal Year 2012 Sewer Enterprise Fund User Revenue, and
- (2) the appropriation of Three Hundred Sixty Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars and No Cents (\$360,835) from the Fund Balance Reserved for Sewer Betterment Debt Service.

ARTICLE 7 – AUTHORIZATION TO MODIFY FISCAL YEAR 2012 APPROPRIATIONS AND OTHER NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2012 BUDGET

Motion- Steven J. Quist

Second- Allen R. Phillips

Recommendation of Approval- Finance Committee

It was unanimously voted to transfer the following unexpended balances of Fiscal Year 2012 appropriations to Fiscal Year 2012 appropriation accounts:

Transfer To		Transfer From
Description/Account No.	Amount Required	Description/Account No.
Fire Supplies <i>010-02-20-06400.000</i>	\$5,000.00	Fire Salaries & Wages <i>010-02-20-05100.000</i>
Treasurer/Collector Salaries <i>010-01-45-05100.000</i>	\$2,464.80	General Insurance <i>010-09-45-06740.000</i>
Cemetery Salaries <i>010-04-91-05100.000</i>	\$1,311.00	General Insurance <i>010-09-45-06740.000</i>
Animal Control Salary <i>010-02-92-05100.000</i>	\$ 225.00	General Insurance <i>010-09-45-06740.000</i>
Animal Control Purch Serv <i>010-02-92-06200.000</i>	\$1,800.00	Reserve Fund <i>010-01-32-06700.000</i>
Unemployment Purch Serv	\$2,200.00	Unemployment Compensation

<i>010-09-13-06200.000</i>		<i>010-09-13-05170.000</i>
Library Purch Serv	\$4,100.00	Library Salary & Wages
<i>010-06-10-06200.000</i>		<i>010-06-10-05100.000</i>
<i>Total Required</i>	<u>\$17,100.80</u>	

Library Director Louise Howland gave the following report;

The library is fortunate to be in a position to take advantage of a number of coinciding events ultimately leading to full membership in C/WMARS.

C/WMARS is a consortium of 150 libraries of all types that have joined together to share resources. Our library has been a member of this network for over 20 years as a non-circulating member.

This year, C/WMARS is moving to an open source software to manage these shared resources with a substantial reduction in membership costs due to the decrease in software and support costs. The network will accept new members following the implementation of the new software.

Also, this year, the state reinstated a grant program called the “small libraries in networks” grant designed to make the transition to full network membership more manageable for libraries in communities with populations less than 10,000. This grant will reduce the cost of membership by \$2,500.

The Trustees request the transfer of \$4,100 to cover the one-time startup costs of full membership. The remainder of the membership fees for the second half of FY 2012 will be covered by the state grant and money already budgeted for C/WMARS.

The two requests that we have heard the most is more hours for library service and that West Boylston receives the same level of basic service enjoyed by neighboring towns. The trustees were able to restore 5 service hours in July and will be able to provide online access to the library’s collections as well as those of 150 other libraries through the actions taken tonight.

We ask for your support on this transfer.

ARTICLE 8 – AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM THE SEWER ENTERPRISE

Motion- Christopher A. Rucho **2/3rd's vote M.G.L. c. 40 § 5B**
Second- Allen R. Phillips
Recommendation of Approval- Finance Committee

It was voted by a 2/3rd's majority as declared by the Moderator to transfer the sum of Six Hundred Forty-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred Ninety-Eight Dollars and Eighty-Eight cents (\$642,998.88) from the Sewer Enterprise Betterments Reserved Fund Balance to the Stabilization Fund as the final payment for start-up costs.

ARTICLE 9 - AUTHORIZATION TO RESCIND PREVIOUSLY VOTED DEBT AUTHORITIES

Motion- John J. O'Brien

Second- Christopher A. Rucho

Recommendation of Approval- Finance Committee

It was unanimously voted to rescind the following unused debt authorities:

TM Article	Town Meeting Date	Purpose	Remaining Authority
14	October 18, 2010	Lee Street Land Purchase	\$70,000
2	February 22, 1999	Drainage and Roadway work	\$940,000

ARTICLE 10 - AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS FROM A PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR

Motion- Allen R. Phillips

9/10ths vote M.G.L. c. 44 § 64

Second- Christopher A. Rucho

Recommendation of Approval- Finance Committee

It was unanimously voted to appropriate the following sums of money to pay the following bills now being held by the Finance Director in his capacity as Town Accountant from a prior fiscal year for which no encumbered funds are available.

\$778.50 from Sewer Retained Earnings to pay Wall Trucking Company
and

\$91.30 from Free Cash to pay Unifirst Corporation.

ARTICLE 11 - AUTHORIZATION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR TREE REMOVAL

Motion- Kevin M. McCormick

Second- Christopher A. Rucho

Recommendation of Approval- Finance Committee

It was unanimously voted to appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) from Certified Free Cash to pay for the removal of trees and further that said appropriation be expended under the direction of the DPW Director.

ARTICLE 12 – AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO OPEB TRUST

Motion- Steven J. Quist

Second- Kevin M. McCormick

PASSED OVER

It was unanimously voted to Pass Over this Article. This Article would have transferred a sum of money from Certified Free Cash to the Other Post Employment Benefits Trust.

ARTICLE 13 – AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO THE STABILIZATION FUND

Motion- Christopher A. Rucho **2/3rd's vote M.G.L. c. 40 § 5B**
Second- John J. O'Brien
Recommendation of Approval- Finance Committee

It was unanimously voted to transfer the sum of Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$9,500.00) from Certified Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 14 – AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO THE CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND

Motion- John J. O'Brien **2/3rd's vote M.G.L. c. 40 § 5B**
Second- Christopher A. Rucho
Recommendation of Approval- Finance Committee, Capital Investment Board

Motion to Amend-

Upon a motion by Marc C. Trudeau, second by Jeffrey Mark, it was moved as follows;
“I move we amend Article 14 as moved reducing the transfer from Certified Free Cash from \$376,442 to \$176,442.”

The Board of Selectmen, Finance Cmte. And Capital Investment Committee strongly recommended voting against this amendment.

After little debate the motion to amend was defeated.

Vote on Main Motion-

It was unanimously voted to transfer \$543,000 from the Stabilization Fund and \$376,442 from Certified Free Cash to the Capital Investment Fund.

ARTICLE 15- AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A PARCEL OF PROPERTY ON LANCASTER STREET

Motion- Allen R. Phillips
Second- Christopher A. Rucho

It was unanimously voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift or otherwise a parcel of property located on the northwesterly side of Lancaster Street (State Route 110) identified as parcel 79.01 on Map 131, for drainage purposes. *See Figure 6*

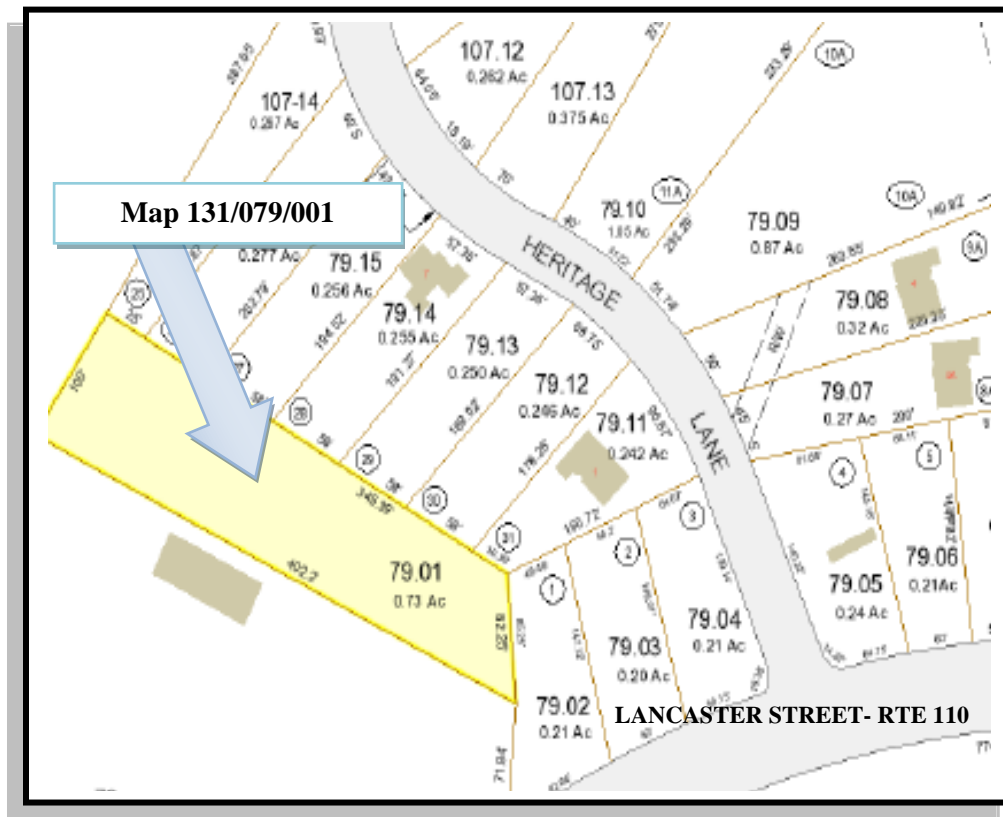


Figure 6- Assessors Map 131.079.001

Upon a motion of Kevin McCormick and second by Christopher Rucho, it was voted to dissolve the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Attest:

Kim D. Hopewell,
Town Clerk



ADDENDUM 1

Town of West Boylston Parks & Recreation Upcoming Programs....

- **Zumba Gold**

Classes to be held Wednesday mornings starting October 12th at the First Congregational Church. Cost of the 6 week session is \$60.00 for residents \$65.00 for non-residents and \$50.00 for seniors

- **Tennis for Children**

Classes will meet in the Major Edwards gym on Thursday afternoons. Grades 1 and 2 will meet from 3:15 to 4:00 and grades 3, 4 and 5 will meet from 4:00 to 4:45. Session begins on Thursday October 13th and ends November 10th. Rackets will be provided. **This program is full**

- **Firearms Safety**

This one day class will meet on Saturday, November 5th at West Boylston Middle-High School from 8:30am- 12:30pm. Cost will be \$45.00 for residents and \$50.00 for non-residents. Registrations due by November 1st, **Must be 18 to attend

- **All day scrapbooking Crop**

This all day crop will meet from 9am - 8pm Saturday, November 5th at the First Congregational Church. Cost is \$10.00 per person.

- **Family Gingerbread House Making**

This event was a huge hit last year! We will be doing it again on Saturday, December 3rd. Fresh gingerbread baked by Darby's and all of the decorative supplies will be provided. Space will be limited, so watch for registration forms.

For more information on these and programs and more, Log onto www.westboylston-ma.gov
click on departments, then Parks & Recreation.

Are you on Facebook? "Like" West Boylston Parks & Recreation to stay updated!

West Boylston Parks & Recreation 127 Hartwell Street West Boylston, MA 01583 508-835.-2164
Parks@Westboylston-ma.gov

12. Have you ever participated in the congregate meal program (lunch at the Senior Center)?
Yes ___ No ___

13. If no, why not?

14. If you participate in the meals program (either in the Senior Center or via Meals on Wheels) are you satisfied with this program? Yes ___ No ___ Not applicable ___

15. If no, why not?

16. As a West Boylston senior citizen, in what areas might you occasionally need assistance:
(Please check all that apply)

Home Chores ___

Adult Day Care ___

Shopping ___

Counseling ___

Legal ___

Transportation ___

Prescription Coverage ___

Financial planning ___

Meals ___

Other ___

Please specify what 'Other' is _____

17. If you wanted information about classes, activities, programs and services available at the Senior Center where would you look: (Please check all that apply)

Local newspapers ___

Council on Aging/Senior Center newsletter ___

Internet ___

Ask a friend/neighbor ___

Cable/public access ___

Town government website ___

Other ___

Please specify what the Other is _____

18. We have many new seniors in our community according to the latest census. Do you have any ideas on how we can attract these new people to programs at the Senior Center?

19. In recent years, fiscal cutbacks saw the reduction of the paid staff of the Senior Center. Do you feel that it is critically important for the improvement of the services that a position be reinstated when the economy improves? Yes ___ No ___

20. What programs or educational seminars would you like to see sponsored by the Town through the Council on Aging?

21. Please share further comments, suggestions or concerns about the Senior Center or its programs or services:

Please accept our sincere gratitude for helping with this important survey.

Wachusett Earthday Board of Directors

Colleen Abrams
Susan Abramson
Art Allen
Karl Barry
Diane Dillman
Andre Gaudet
Eric Johansen
Michael Kacprzicki
Douglas Kimball
C. Mary McLoughlin
Kerry Raber
William Rand
Diane Spindler
Robert Troy

Collection volunteers wanted!
Please contact Colleen 508-829-3954

Wachusett Earthday Town Representative Site Team

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West Boylston

Leon Gaumond, Christopher Rucho

MA Department of Conservation and Recreation

John Scannell

Wachusett Earthday, Incorporated

Colleen Abrams

Wachusett Recycled Resource Center Leadership Team

John Lewis

C. Mary McLoughlin

Thank you to these partners.



Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection



Thank you to all supporters, donors and volunteers.

New volunteers always welcome.

Sign up in person or at

www.wachusettearthday.org

Wachusett Earthday

PO Box 593

Holden MA 01520

ADDENDUM 3

Wachusett Earthday

www.wachusettearthday.org



Two Locations

Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycling Center

131 Raymond Huntington Highway
West Boylston, MA

Open to residents of

Boylston, Holden, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland,
Sterling, West Boylston

Open Wednesdays 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

**Open the 3rd Saturday of each month
8 to 11 a.m.**

Wachusett Recycled Resource Center

Boyden Road, Holden, MA
Next to Oriol Health Care

Open and free to all

Mondays 6 to 8 p.m.

Tuesdays 9 to 11 a.m.

Thursdays 3 to 5 p.m.

Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycling Center

131 Raymond Huntington Highway
West Boylston, MA

Open to residents of Boylston, Holden, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland, Sterling, West Boylston

Open Every Wednesday 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

**Open the 3rd Saturday of each month
8 to 11 a.m.**

Check www.wachusettearthday.org

Directions: I-190, Exit 5, north one block on Route 140 to light, left on Legg Road and travel 0.8 mile to the entrance on the right. Or Laurel Street, West Boylston or Manning Street, Holden to Raymond Huntington Highway (parallel with I-190 at Holden/West Boylston town line), and travel 0.9 mile to the entrance on the left.

Items collected for a fee:

- \$3** monitor for computer
- \$10** TV, **\$15** wood console or extra large TV
- \$10** refrigerator, air conditioner, dehumidifier
- \$5** large appliance, snowblower, riding mower, hot water tank, toilet, tub, sink, swing set, exercise equipment
- \$2** small appliance, mower, microwave
- \$5** furniture, couch, chair, bureau, mattress, box spring
- \$2** small furniture, plastic chair, large plastic toys
- \$10** sleeper couch, recliner
- \$30** per cubic yard home project debris, concrete, bricks, wood, roofing shingles, wall board, doors, windows (**no creosoted wood**)
- \$3** propane tank 20 lb., **\$1** small tank, **\$20** larger than standard 20 lb tank.
- \$2** tire with or without rim, **\$8** truck tire 19+"; **\$20-\$80** large equipment tires
- \$6** fire extinguisher

Items for Reuse

If the household item is in good condition for reuse, please place it the "Use it Again" area. For large items and electronics the regular fee will be charged to cover potential disposal.

FREE document shredding September 17, 8-11 am

Items collected with no fee for recycling or reuse:

- plastics #1 – #7
- #6 styrofoam, *cleaned and bagged*
- packing peanuts *in bags*
- glass containers – *please rinse*
- metal containers – *please rinse*
- paper & cardboard
- gas grilles
- bicycles
- sporting goods
- computer parts
- cell phones and other electronics
- eye glasses
- all batteries including lead-acid, rechargeable, ni-cad, alkaline, button, lithium
- scrap aluminum, brass, copper, lead
- mercury switches and thermometers
- fluorescent tubes, CFL bulbs
- clothing
- books
- deposit/returnable bottles & cans
- small usable household items including linens, dishes and small working appliances

Wachusett Recycled Resource Center

52 Boyden Road, Holden

Open and free to all

Monday 6 to 8 p.m.

Tuesday 9 to 11 a.m.

Thursday 3 to 5 p.m..

Directions: Main St., Holden, turn at Friendly's onto Boyden Road, take first right, then right again and drive straight ahead to the Center. The Center is located next to Wachusett Extended Care.

The Recycled Resource Center collects and sorts donated items. These are available free to anyone.

Craft, art, school, holiday supplies from A to Z including puzzles, fabric, yarn, magazines, sewing machines, small household items.

Please donate **clean** items.

Volunteers wanted.

Contact: C. Mary McLoughlin 508-829-2164
John Lewis 508-853-0412

Household Hazardous Products

Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycling Center

131 Raymond Huntington Highway, West Boylston, MA

Three Saturday Collections – 8 to 11 a.m.

June 18 • September 17 • November 19

Paints and chemicals – \$4/gallon or pound

Materials accepted: paints, thinners, solvents, pesticides, herbicides, automotive products, pool chemicals, cleaners

Used Motor Oil – Must **NOT** be mixed with **ANY** other product – No Fee

West Boylston Solid Waste Advisory Team Working for a greener, cleaner town since 2007.

Where can I get a free recycling bin? As an incentive to recycle MORE, the Dept. of Public Works (DPW) has secured 1500 recycling bins; available on a first come first serve basis. Get one at the DPW.

Where can I purchase PAYT bags? Stop & Shop, Price Chopper, Ace Hardware, Honey Farms, Municipal Light Department, Walgreens
\$.50 for 15 gallon bag or \$1.00 for 33 gallon bag, sold in packages of 10

What is the town's recycling rate? At year-end FY11 (June 30, 2011) WB residents produced 2083 tons of waste = 662 tons of recyclables and 1421 tons of trash. WB's recycling rate = 32%, which is a 10% increase since PAYT.

Has our trash tonnage continued to go down since Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) started? The 1st year of PAYT (FY10) trash dropped an impressive 33%. However trash tonnage is up 2% at the end of FY11 as compared with FY10.



What are the costs of trash collection & disposal?

With 2570 households participating, the last fiscal year we spent:

Disposal (Casella) =	\$101,001
Collection costs (Allied Waste) =	\$ 222,554
Total trash cost =	\$ 323,555
Bag income at year-end FY11 =	\$ 152,050
Bag purchases (Phoenix Recycling)	\$36,971

Net bag income = \$115,079

Recyclables are free to dispose of, so when you toss into a recycle bin instead of a trash bin you save money. Don't Overdo it by throwing things that don't belong in the recycling bins such as most children's toys, and materials covered in food waste. Usually plastic containers with # 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 are permitted. Bring plastic bags for recycling at supermarkets, not in bins. Weight Limit = 40 pounds for the large bag.

More Questions?? Contact a member of the SWAT. Julianne DeRivera, Chairperson, 508-835-8830, Elise Wellington, 508-835-2065, Judith Doherty, 508-853-0962, Mary Ambrose, Craig Gonyea

How can we reduce the trash we produce?



1. Buy less or buy in bulk.
2. Reuse. Try to stretch past 1 time use items.
3. Divert. Trade or share items with neighbors and friends.
4. Compost. Non-meat food waste can be composted and it's great for gardens. See www.westboylston-ma.gov for how to compost.

5. Support the New Bottle Bill that includes water bottles.

80% of beverages that are covered by the bottle bill are recycled...only 22% of non-deposit containers get recycled...1/3 of today's beverage containers are not covered in the 27-year old bottle bill and need to be added to the bottle bill."1. 1. The Coalition to Update the MA Bottle Bill.

What are my choices to keep stuff out of the trash?

1. Donate used clothing and household goods to charities or churches to help folks who need assistance. Savers in Worcester takes toys, sports equipment, clothes, books, appliances and computers free of charge. Habitat for Humanity ReStore on Rte. 12, Worcester takes building materials, insulation, and tools.
2. Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycling Center 131 Raymond Huntington Highway, West Boylston is open Wednesdays 2:30 - 4:30 and the 3rd Saturday each month 8 - 11AM. Collected for FREE = styrofoam, batteries, electronics and computer parts, thermometers, household goods, bicycles, reusable furniture, books, and appliances. Fees apply to bulk items the center must dispose of. See the town website www.westboylston-ma.gov for a full listing.
3. WB Library takes books year-round now.
4. Boy Scouts hold collections for returnable bottles & cans as a fundraiser at Edwards Elementary School.
5. Give your old printer cartridges and cell phones to the WB schools. Last year the schools earned \$40,000 in technology equipment thanks to people who recycled through this program.
6. To learn more: www.earth911.org or www.mass.gov/dep.

October 17, 2011.

How do you get news about the Town government?

Please rate the following on a 1-5 scale, with

1 being never use as a resource,

2 rarely use,

3 often use,

4 very often use, and

5 being always the first place I look to get information:

___ Town's website www.westboylston-ma.gov

___ The Worcester Telegram & Gazette Newspaper

___ Council on Aging Newsletter

___ Messages on your monthly light bill

___ Town Meeting Mailer

___ The Banner Newspaper

___ Local Public Access Station Channel 11

___ Town Sign on The Common

___ Town Report

___ Town Administrator's Blog

Please comment on any other media venues you feel we should consider using to provide our residents timely information

Please complete and return to the Office of the Town Administrator, Town of West Boylston, 127 Hartwell Street, Suite 100, West Boylston, MA 01583 - OR drop off when you go to town meeting!

Thank you!

**Community Nursery School
Invites you to it's annual
"Holiday Haul"**

**Saturday, Dec. 3 from 9am-3pm
First Congregational Church
26 Central Street, West Boylston, MA.
Admission \$2.00**

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**Scholastic Book Fair, Quilts
Usborne Books, Discovery Toy's
American Girl Clothes
Crafts, Wreaths, Pottery
Pocketbooks, Cosmetics, Jewelry
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Photography, Tupperware
Tastefully Simple, Bears, Baskets,
Christmas Ornaments & Decor
Candy
Bake Sale
Coffee & Donuts
Soup & Sandwiches**

