

SEMI-ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Town Clerk Meeting Minutes

OCTOBER 20, 2014

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.”

Kim D. Hopewell, Town Clerk, informed Moderator Jonathan Meindersma that 107 registered voters were in attendance and that the quorum requirement as set out in the General Bylaws has been met. At 7:35 p.m. the meeting was called to order.

The following people were appointed as tellers by the Town Clerk;

John McCormick, III	Elaine Novia
William Chase	Barbara Mard
Mark Brodeur	Lee Beardsley
Gary Peterson	Barbara Deschenes

M.G.L. Ch. 39 § 15 was accepted at the Oct. 20, 2008 Semi-Annual Town Meeting and placed in the General Bylaws Article I § 7. This bylaw section 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.”

After the Pledge of Allegiance a moment of silence was conducted for all citizens whom have passed since our last meeting. Moderator recognized Bruce Peterson for his many contributions to the Town.

Upon a motion by Christopher Rucho and second by John Hadley is 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- Siobhan Bohanson
Second- Christopher Rucho

It was unanimously voted to hear special reports of the officers and standing committees of the town. The following reports were given:

FISP- John Hadley

My name is John Hadley and in addition to being a Selectman I also serve as the Chairman of the West Boylston Facilities Implementation and Strategic Planning Committee. This Committee is made up of citizens of the Town, those with construction experience, finance experience as well as all the members of the Board of Selectmen. I am here to give you a brief update on our actions.

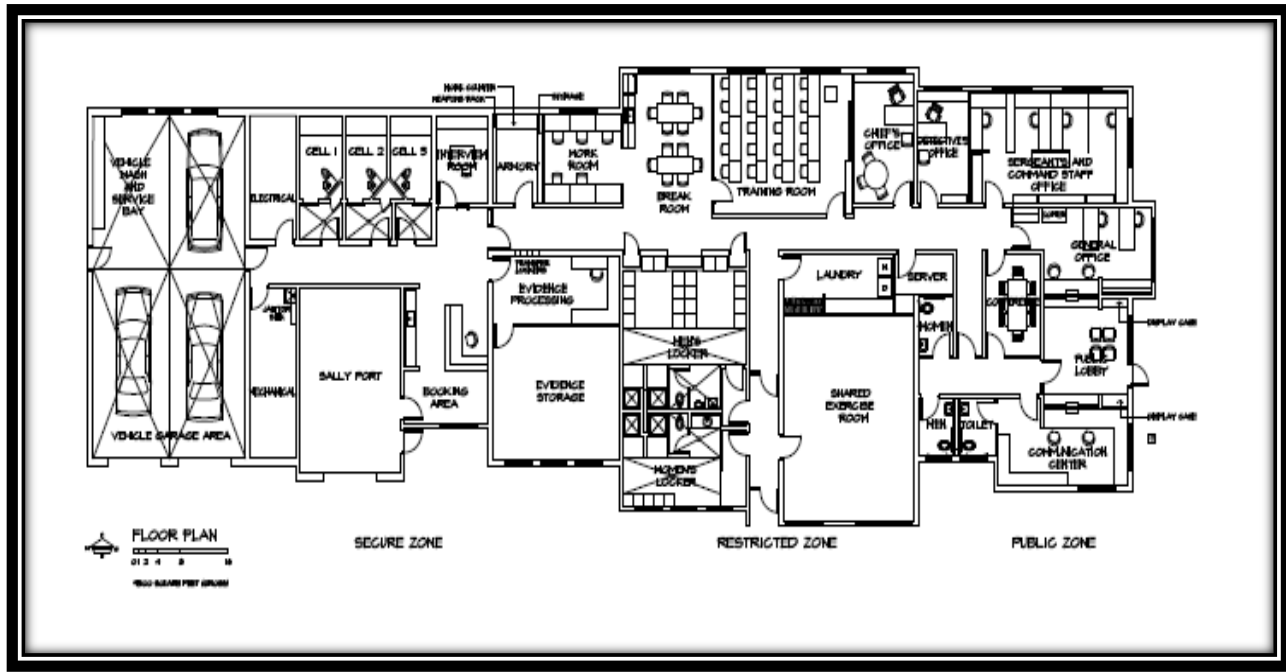
The Town Hall purchase and renovation project has been very successful so far. We continue to be pleased with the new building and it seems to be satisfying our operational needs and to give the community something to be truly proud of. We will be holding an Open House on October 25th from noon to 2:00 p.m. at the new Town Hall and all citizens of West Boylston are invited to attend.

The Committee has been focused on the next two priorities of our strategic plan: a new Senior Center and a new Police Station. For the Senior Center, the Town went out to bid for purchase of an existing building to serve as a Senior Center. While the bid process turned out to be less than exciting, the Town has received an offer to consider the Bethlehem Bible Church on Rte. 110. The Committee is considering this offer and we are reviewing all available options with the assistance and guidance of the Council on Aging.

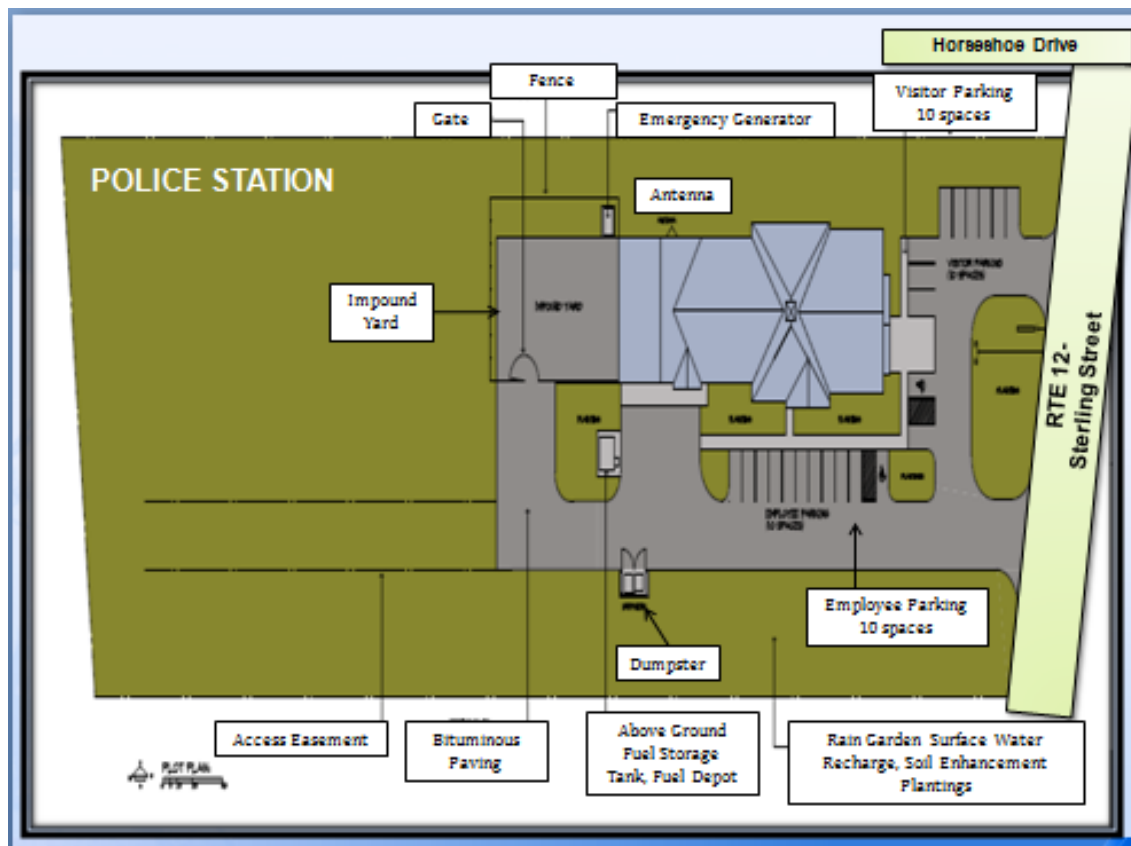
For the Police Station, the condition of the Police Station has long been a challenge for the department, especially in the area of officer safety. The booking room in particular puts the officers at risk and the lack of space poses unique challenges to the operations of the Police Department. The Town has engaged the architect who assisted the Town with the Town Hall project to develop some very basic drawings of a new structure to be constructed on Town-owned property on Rte. 12 behind the Mixer Property. This was done using the Police Department's operational budget. I am here today to share with the Town the pictures developed at this point. These are still in development and our Committee will be reviewing this proposal and will keep the Town informed of our review.



Police Station- Rte. 12 Sterling Street



Interior layout



Exterior layout

Thank you for your attention to this brief presentation.

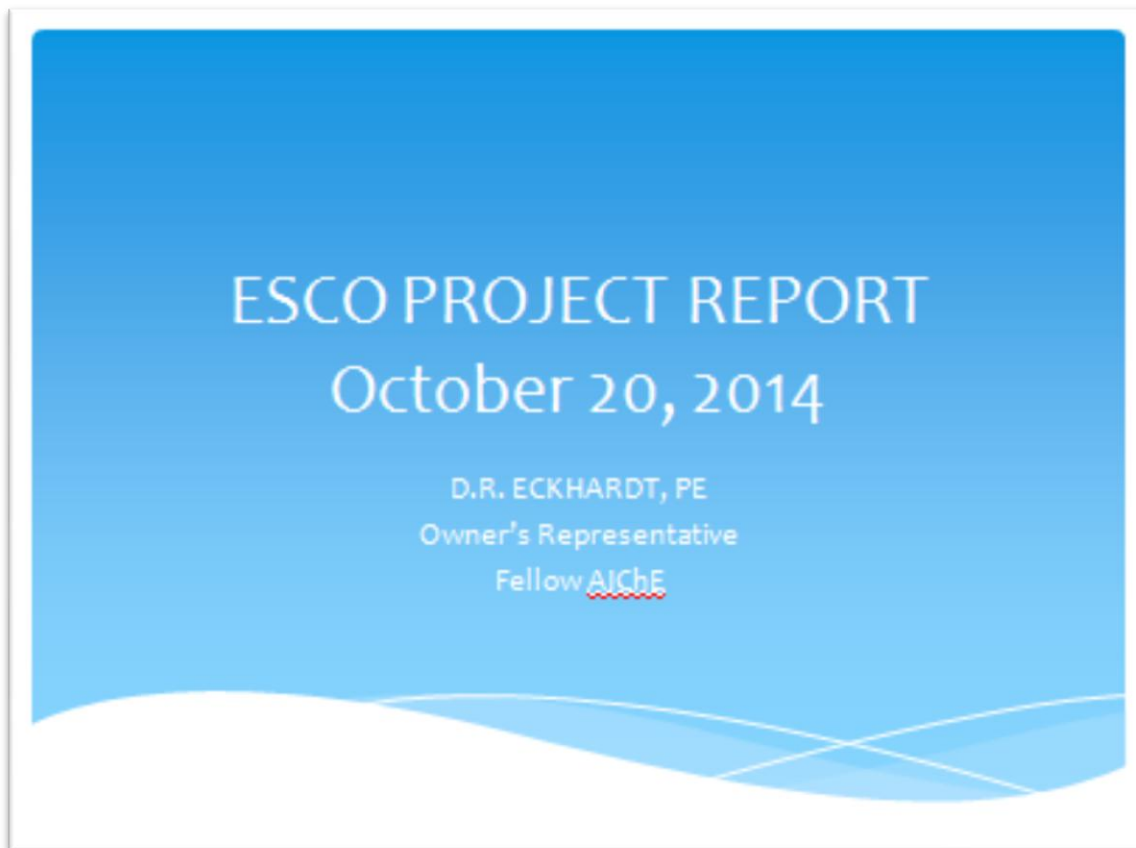
Solid Waste Advisory Team-
Norma Chanis, member

The SWAT Team has officially voted to support question 2 on the November 4 ballot. Question 2 will update the Massachusetts Bottle Bill by adding containers from non-carbonated drinks such as water, sports drinks, iced tea and juice.

As the town committee charged with promotion recycling, decreasing trash tonnage and decreasing trash deposit costs, we voted to support the Updated Bottle Bill because it will benefit the Town. Passage of Question 2 will greatly increase the recycling of these non-carbonated beverage containers. Only 23 percent of non-deposit containers are currently being recycled. But if included in the Bottle Bill, statistics show that 80% would be recycled. Not only will this decrease our trash tonnage, but it will also reduce the number of these containers that end up as litter in our parks and along the sides of our roads.

ESCO Project

David Eckhardt gave the following presentation;



ESCO PROJECT

STATUS:

- * TOWN MEETING APPROVAL JULY 14
- * ON SCHEDULE (75 % COMPLETE)
- * ON BUDGET (\$2.95 M LOAN)
- * CURRENT FY '15 EST. SAVINGS \$160 K vs \$60 K BUDGET ESTIMATE

ESCO PROJECT

NEW BOILERS/NATURAL GAS CONVERSION

- * MSHS-OPERABLE (INSULATION LAGS)
- * MAJOR EDWARDS-1 BOILER OPERABLE, 2 AVAILABLE SOON
- * MAJOR EDWARDS STEAM PIPING INSULATION-COMplete
- * OIL TANKS REMOVED, PAVEMENT REPAIRED

ESCO PROJECT

CONTROLS UPGRADE-SCHOOLS (60% COMPLETE)

BUILDING ENVELOPE (COMPLETE)

LIGHTING (INDOOR) COMPLETE 10/31
(OUTDOOR) COMPLETE 11/30

SYSTEMS OVERHAUL 75% COMPLETE

ESCO PROJECT

THANK YOU'S TO:

- * CITIZENS WHO APPROVED PROJECT
- * BUILDING OPERATORS WHO HAVE WORKED NIMBLY WITH THE PROJECT TEAM
- * TOWN EMPLOYEES (INCLUDING FIRE AND POLICE DETAILS)
- * ABM and SUBCONTRACTORS

ESCO PROJECT



ESCO PROJECT



Recreation Department
Jennifer Breen, Recreation Director

The Recreation Department had a great summer! We offered several different programs, that allowed many of our kids to take part in a recreation program. We offered tennis for ages 4-14, soccer, LEGO programs and a day camp style program.

Our tennis program has brought a love of this game back to the town, which has a rich history with the sport. We have rackets in the hands of kids as young as four years old, teaching them the fundamentals, while making them love a game that they can play for life.

We were able to provide three weeks of the Days of Play program, which were all very well attended. The Recreation Department gave parents an incentive to sign up by June 1 by offering a full week for \$100! This program ran Monday-Friday from 8:30-3:00, so the cost was extremely reasonable. The department has been happy to provide programs to the community for costs that are manageable for families.

We also worked with Wachusett Country Club to provide golf lessons to girls and boys ages 6-15. Additionally, we offered a women's golf clinic that also drew some interest. We would like to expand the golf programs for everyone in the future.

The LEGO programs were well attended and introduced some great science concepts, even having the kids building a working aqua duct. We are offering a LEGO program this fall that is also working with some of these concepts and has been very well received.

We look forward to continuing to provide affordable programs to the community and continuing to grow the department to offer a wide variety of programs that appeal to all of our residents.

Article 2 - Authorization to Amend the General Bylaws by adding a Wetlands Protection Bylaw

Motion- John Hadley

Second- Christopher Rucho

Conservation Commission, Bylaw Committee recommend to Pass Over this article

Passed Over

Discussion

Town Administrator Leon Gaumond stated that the Bylaws Committee and Conservation Committee met before Town Meeting and decided that the proposed bylaw needed to be tweaked before it goes to Town Meeting. Rather than spending a few hours amending the bylaw on town meeting floor, the recommendation on behalf of the Conservation Commission and Bylaws Committee is to pass over this article and bring back an amended version to the next Town Meeting in May.

Vote

It was voted by simple majority to **Pass Over** this Article.

This article would have allowed the Town to amend the General Bylaws of the Town by adding

Article XXXVIII Wetlands Protection Bylaw to read as follows:

ARTICLE XXXVIII – WETLANDS PROTECTION BYLAW

1. Purpose and Intent

The purpose of this bylaw is to protect the wetlands, related water resources, and adjoining land areas in the Town of West Boylston by controlling activities determined by the Conservation Commission to be likely to have a significant or cumulatively detrimental effect upon any wetland resource area of value protected by this bylaw, including but not limited to the following interests and values:

- A. Protection of public or private water supplies, especially the Wachusett Reservoir and its feeder streams;
- B. Groundwater;
- C. Flood control;
- D. Erosion and sedimentation control;
- E. Storm damage prevention;
- F. Water quality;
- G. Water pollution control;
- H. Fisheries and wildlife habitat;
- I. Habitat of rare plant and animal species;
- J. Agricultural and aquaculture; and
- K. Recreation and aesthetic values.

To this end, it is the intent of this local wetlands bylaw to protect additional wetland resources areas and interests, and to impose additional standards and procedures stricter than those of MGL c. 131, §40, the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

2. Jurisdiction

Except as permitted by the Conservation Commission or as provided in this bylaw, no person shall commence to remove, fill, dredge, build upon, degrade, discharge into or otherwise alter any of the following resource areas:

- A. Any freshwater wetlands, marsh, wet meadow, bog, swamp, flat, bank, or beach bordering any reservoir, lake, or pond; intermittent stream, river, or brook; and adjoining lands out to a distance of 100 feet known as the Buffer Zone;
- B. Any land under the aforementioned waterways and water bodies;
- C. Any certified vernal pool and adjoining lands out to a distance of 100 feet known as Vernal Pool Habitat;
- D. Any perennial stream, river, or brook; the land thereunder; and adjoining lands out to distance of 200 feet known as the Riverfront Area, and
- E. Any land subject to flooding or inundation by stormwater, groundwater or surface water.

(Collectively the “resource areas protected by this bylaw”).

3. Exemptions

- A. The applications and permits required by this bylaw shall not be required for any emergency

project or agricultural emergency as defined in MGL c. 131, §40, or regulations thereunder. No application or permit shall be required for maintaining, repairing or replacing, but not substantially changing or enlarging, an existing and lawfully located structure or facility used in the service of the public to provide electric, gas, sewer, water, telephone, or other telecommunications service, provided that written notice has been given to the Commission prior to commencement of work, and provided that all work conforms to performance standards and design specifications in the regulations adopted pursuant to this bylaw.

B. The following activities are exempt in any resource area and in the buffer zone:

1. Routine mowing and maintenance of lawns, gardens, and landscaped areas (including tree pruning) in existence on the effective date of this bylaw or which are created after such date in accordance with the terms of this bylaw;
2. Work performed for normal maintenance or improvement of land in agricultural use as defined by the Wetlands Protection Act regulations in 310 CMR 10.00;
3. Removal of dead and dying trees, without the use of machinery, excepting chainsaws; and
4. Fencing around existing vegetable gardens.

4. Definitions

A. Except as otherwise provided in this bylaw or regulations of the Commission, the definitions of terms in this bylaw shall be as set forth in the Wetlands Protection Act, which terms, as used herein, shall include the provisions of MGL c. 131, §40, and regulations thereunder at 310 CMR 10.00 et seq. (the 'Regulations').

5. Presumptions

A. Adjacent upland resource areas (the 'buffer zone') are presumed significant to the protection of wetland resources and interests because activities undertaken in close proximity to resource areas have a high likelihood of adverse impacts upon wetlands and other water resources, either immediately, as a consequence of land disturbance and construction, or over time, as a consequence of daily operations or maintenance of such activities. Such adverse impacts include, without limitation: erosion, siltation, loss of groundwater recharge, degradation of water quality, and loss of wildlife habitat.

B. Limits on Activities within Adjacent Upland Resource Areas:

For the aforementioned reasons, the adjacent upland resource areas, within 200 feet of perennial rivers and streams (the 'riverfront area') and 100 feet of other wetland resource areas (the 'buffer zone') protected by this bylaw, are deemed valuable resources under this bylaw. This bylaw therefore limits disturbance within adjacent upland resource areas by prohibiting the following activities and/or uses. The West Boylston Conservation Commission may alter the following setbacks within the buffer zone in circumstances in which their strict application is infeasible due to special site and/or engineering considerations. It shall specify the reasons for such alteration in the Order of Conditions issued for the pertinent project.

1. Disturbance of any existing vegetation or land disturbance within twenty-five (25) feet of any freshwater wetland or river or stream; except for removal of invasive vegetation only, if done in compliance with the standards of this bylaw and/or any regulations of the West Boylston Conservation Commission.

2. Erection of any permanent structures, including but not limited to barns, garages, sheds or attached structures, within twenty-five (25) feet of any freshwater wetland, river or stream.
3. Construction of parking lots or use of land for parking motor vehicles within fifty (50) feet of any freshwater wetland, river or stream.
4. Construction or installation of any portion of a new sanitary waste disposal system, including the grading required for the primary and reserve systems within one-hundred (100) feet of any freshwater wetland, river or stream.
5. Storage of petroleum products or hazardous materials, either underground or above-ground within one-hundred (100) feet of any freshwater wetland, river or stream.
6. Placement or maintenance of dumpsters or refuse containers (on a pad or other impervious surface) within twenty-five (25) feet of any freshwater wetland, river or stream.
7. Placement of fill on top of the existing land surface and vegetation within fifty (50) feet of any freshwater wetland, river or stream.
8. Construction of driveways or retaining walls except if done in compliance with the provisions of this bylaw within fifty (50) feet of any freshwater wetland, river or stream.
9. Grading or earthwork except for minor grading as defined in the exemptions section of this bylaw within fifty (50) feet of any freshwater wetland, river or stream.

C. Exceptions to the prohibitions within Adjacent Upland Resource Areas

The following activities are not subject to the setback prohibitions listed above:

1. Routine maintenance, repairs and construction on legally pre-existing structures so long as there is no expansion of the structure;
2. Continuation of a legally pre-existing use;
3. Construction and maintenance of publicly maintained unpaved trails that restrict the use of motorized vehicles.

6. Applications, Fees and Consultants

A. Written application shall be filed with the Commission to perform activities affecting resource areas protected by this bylaw. The permit application (whether for a Notice of Intent, Request for Determination of Applicability or other permit) shall include such information and plans as are deemed necessary by the Commission to describe proposed activities and their effects on the resource areas protected by this bylaw. No activities shall commence without receiving, and complying, with a permit issued pursuant to this bylaw.

B. The Commission may accept as the permit application and plans under this bylaw the Notice of Intent and plans filed under the Wetlands Protection Act (MGL c. 131, §40) and Regulations (310 CMR 10.00 et seq.).

C. Any person desiring to know whether or not a proposed activity or an area is subject to

this bylaw may in writing request a determination from the Commission. Such a Request for Determination (RDA) shall include information and plans as are deemed necessary by the Commission. When the person filing the request is other than the owner, the request shall be sent by the person making the request to the owner, and the determination shall be sent by the Commission to the owner as well as to the person making the request.

D. At the time of an application, the applicant shall pay a filing fee specified by the Conservation Commission, which may be amended from time to time after public hearing in any regulations adopted by the Commission. This fee is in addition to that required by the Wetlands Protection Act (MGL c. 131, §40) and Regulations (310 CMR 10.00 et seq.).

E. Pursuant to MGL c. 44, §53G, and regulations promulgated by the Commission, the Commission may impose reasonable fees upon applicants for the purpose of securing outside consultants in order to aid in the review of proposed projects.

7. Notice and Hearings

A. Any person filing a Notice of Intent, Abbreviated Notice of Intent, or Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation, or an amendment to any of the above permits with the Commission at the same time shall give written notice thereof, by certified mail (return receipt requested) or hand delivery, to all abutters at their mailing addresses shown on the most recent applicable tax list of the Assessors, including owners of land directly opposite on any public or private street or way, and abutters to the abutters within three-hundred (300) feet of the property line of the applicant, including any in another municipality or across a body of water. The notice shall state a brief description of the project or other proposal and the date of any Commission hearing or meeting date if known. The notice to abutters also shall state where copies may be examined and obtained by abutters.

B. Public Hearing

The Commission shall conduct a public hearing on any permit application and a public meeting on the Request for Determination of Applicability, with written notice given, at the expense of the applicant, at least ten (10) business days prior to the hearing, in a newspaper of general circulation in West Boylston. The Commission shall commence the public hearing within twenty-one (21) days from receipt of a completed permit application, unless an extension is authorized in writing by the applicant. The Commission shall have authority to continue the hearing to a specific date announced at the hearing, for reasons stated at the hearing, which may include the need for additional information or plans required of the applicant or others as deemed necessary by the Commission. In the event that the applicant objects to a continuance or postponement, the hearing shall be closed and the Commission shall take action on such information as is available.

1. In order to provide sufficient review time the Commission may continue a public hearing or public meeting if new information is submitted by the applicant, or applicant's agent, less than seven (7) business days before the scheduled public hearing or public meeting.

2. The Commission may combine its hearing under this bylaw with the hearing conducted under the Wetlands Protection Act (MGL c. 131, §40) and Regulations (310 CMR 10.00 et seq.).

8. Permits and Conditions

A. Decision

If the Commission, after a public hearing and consideration of the general and specific factors set

forth below, determines that the activities which are subject to the application, or the land and water uses which will result there from, are likely to have a significant individual or cumulative effect on the resource area values protected by this bylaw, the Commission, within twenty-one (21) days of the close of the hearing, unless the applicant authorizes an extension in writing, shall issue or deny a permit for the activities requested. The decision shall be in writing.

B. Factors in Decisions

In making such a determination, the Commission shall take into account the following factors:

1. the extent to which the applicant has avoided, minimized and mitigated any such effect;
2. any loss, degradation, isolation, and replacement or replication of such protected resource areas elsewhere in the community and the watershed, resulting from past activities, whether permitted, unpermitted or exempt; and
3. foreseeable future activities.

C. Resource Area Loss

To prevent resource area loss, the Commission shall require applicants to avoid alteration wherever feasible; to minimize alteration; and, where alteration is unavoidable and has been minimized, to provide full mitigation. The Commission may authorize or require replication of wetlands as a form of mitigation, but only with specific plans, professional design, proper safeguards, adequate security, and professional monitoring and reporting to assure success, because of the high likelihood of failure of replication.

D. Conditions

Upon the issuance of a permit, the Commission shall impose conditions it deems necessary or desirable to protect said wetland resource area values, and all activities shall be conducted in accordance with those conditions.

E. Permit Denial

Where no conditions are adequate to protect said resource area values, the Commission is empowered to deny a permit for failure to meet the requirements of this bylaw. The Commission may also deny a permit:

1. for failure to submit necessary information and plans requested by the Commission;
2. for failure to comply with the procedures, design specifications, performance standards, and other requirements in this bylaw and/or any regulations of the Commission; or
3. for failure to avoid, minimize or mitigate unacceptable significant or cumulative effects upon the resource area values protected by this bylaw.

F. Waivers

The Commission may waive specifically identified and requested procedures, design specifications, performance standards, or other requirements set forth in its bylaw and regulations, provided that:

1. the Commission finds in writing after said public hearing that there are no reasonable conditions or alternatives that would allow the proposed activity to proceed in compliance with said bylaw or regulations;
2. that avoidance, minimization and mitigation have been employed to the maximum extent

feasible; and either

3. the project, considered in its entirety, would result in a net benefit of resource area values; or
4. that the waiver is necessary to accommodate an overriding public interest or to avoid a decision that so restricts the use of the property as to constitute an unconstitutional taking without compensation.

9. Regulations

After public notice and public hearing, the Commission may promulgate regulations to effectuate the purposes of this bylaw, such as to define additional terms not inconsistent with the bylaw, to provide additional details on filing fees and procedures, to provide for consultant fees, and to specify enforcement procedures, as the Commission deems necessary or appropriate.

The Commission may establish, in its regulations, design specifications, performance standards, and other measures and safeguards, including setbacks, no disturbance areas, no build areas and other work limits for protection of the resource areas covered by this bylaw.

Failure to promulgate such regulations, or the invalidation by a court of law of one or more of such regulations, shall not act to suspend or invalidate any provision of this bylaw.

10. Enforcement

A. The Commission, its agents, officers, and employees shall have authority to enter upon privately- owned land within the jurisdiction of resource areas protected by this bylaw for the purpose of performing, their duties under this bylaw and may make or cause to be made such examinations, surveys, or sampling, as the Commission deems necessary, subject to the constitutions and laws of the United States and the Commonwealth.

B. The Commission shall have authority to enforce this bylaw, its regulations, and permits issued thereunder by violation notices, non-criminal citations under MGL c. 40, §21D, and civil and criminal court actions. Any person who violates provisions of this bylaw may be ordered to restore the property to its original condition and take other action deemed necessary to remedy such violations, or may be fined, or both.

11. Relationship to the Wetlands Protection Act

This bylaw is adopted pursuant to the Town of West Boylston's Home Rule powers and is independent of MGL c. 131, §40 and/or the Regulations thereunder. It is the intent of this bylaw to create resource areas, interests, definitions and performance standards that impose more stringent regulation than that imposed by MGL c. 131, § 40.

12. Burden of Proof

The applicant for a permit shall have the burden of proving by a preponderance of credible evidence that the work proposed in the permit application will not have unacceptable significant or cumulative effect upon the resource area values protected by this bylaw. Failure to provide adequate evidence to the Commission supporting this burden shall be sufficient cause for the Commission to deny a permit or grant a permit with conditions.

13. Appeals

A decision of the Commission shall be reviewable on the record of proceedings in Superior Court in accordance with MGL c. 249, §4.

14. Severability

The invalidity of any section or provision of this bylaw shall not invalidate any other section or provision thereof, nor shall it invalidate any permit or determination issued hereunder.

Article 3 - Vote to Appropriate Funds for Community Preservation Fund projects as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee

Motion- Patrick Crowley

Second- John Hadley

Recommendation- Community Preservation Committee, Affordable Housing Trust, Planning Board, Finance Committee

It was unanimously voted to that the following amount be appropriated from Community Preservation Fund Revenues, or transferred from prior year reserves for Community Preservation purposes:

Project		Total Appropriation	Source of Appropriation
Appropriations:			
A	To Fund for Affordable Housing Purposes: A grant to hire a community housing specialist consultant to assist with the administration of 40B projects. Submitted by the West Boylston Affordable Housing Trust be expended under the direction of the Town Administrator.	\$ 20,000	\$20,000 from the fund balance designated for affordable housing

Article 4 - Vote to Appropriate Funds for Capital Improvement Purchases

Motion- Siobhan Bohanson

Second- Christopher Rucho

Recommendation- Finance Committee, Capital Investment Board, DPW Superintendent Anthony Sylvia, PE

Discussion

In September a discussion took place with the Finance Committee in regards to the DPW’s capital equipment replacement needs. Particular focus was placed on the replacement of the catch basin truck, and EPA’s stormwater regulations that drive the need for service.

The DPW’s catch basin truck currently serves two needs, catch basin cleaning and snow plowing. The truck is currently in a grave state of disrepair, and the DPW would have to make modifications to enable it as a snow plow truck for this winter. Catch basin cleaning is an EPA mandated service, there were options of repairing or replacing the truck. The Finance Committee supported the funding of \$120,000 for a new downsized catch basin truck. This proposed truck would be a smaller version of the current truck, but would serve the same purposes in a more efficient and economical manner.

Finance Committee Chair Raymond Bricault stated that their mission for a Capital Plan is to live within that plan. He then stated that the original proposal was \$180,000. He gives recognition and credit to Anthony Sylvia, DPW Director for researching this matter and

for saving the Town 30% on this purchase.

Vote

It was unanimously voted to purchase or enter into contract for the following capital item by June 2015, and if not purchased or contract for by that date the funding will flow back to the source it came from.

Project	Total Appropriation	Source of Appropriation
Catch Basin Truck (DPW)	\$120,000	Capital Fund

Article 5- Authorization to Pay Bills from a Previous Fiscal Year

Motion- Christopher Rucho

Second- John Hadely

Recommendation- Board of Selectmen

Passed Over

It was unanimously voted to **Pass Over** this Article.

This article would have allowed the town to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay 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.

Article 6 - Authorization to Transfer Funds from the Sale of Lots Account

Motion- John Hadley

Second- Christopher Rucho

Recommendation- Cemetery Trustees, Finance Committee

Explanation

John McCormick, III, Cemetery Trustee Chair

This transfer would purchase a mower deck for \$3,000, rather than replacing the lawn mower for \$15,000. Money would also be used for the manpower to map out and number the new sections of the cemetery, as well as the purchase of fertilizer and flowers. The Flag Pole lights are currently \$80 a piece, and last approx. 6 months. We plan on buying a different style of lights that would be cheaper and more energy efficient that would last longer to save the Town money.

Vote

It was unanimously voted to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from the Sale of Lots Account for cemetery improvements to include wages which may need to be paid to employees and to lay out part of the new cemetery.

Article 7 - Authorization to Appropriate Funds for an Electronic Sign for the Common

Motion- John Hadley

Second- Christopher Rucho

Recommendation- Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee

Discussion

The Town originally appropriated \$7,500 from the Oct. 2013 Town Meeting. It was noted that the Municipal Lighting Plant was matching the funds appropriated for this purpose. When the Town went out to bid, it was found that they had a shortfall of \$2,000.

Jennifer Breen has been in charge of changing the lettering on the sign for the last three years. Jen stated that the current sign is falling apart, the lights do not function well, and that it is getting more difficult to keep the letters on the sign. She has to come out in the winter to post as well and trudging through the snow to get to the sign is not an easy task. This new sign is digital and the postings will be changed remotely making it a more user friendly and effective use of the sign.

Vote

It was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate from available the sum of \$2,000, in addition to the sum of \$7,500 that was appropriated under Article 8 of the October 21, 2013 Semi- Annual Town Meeting, to purchase an electronic sign for The Common.

Article 8 - Authorization to Modify Fiscal Year 2015 Appropriations and other Necessary Adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget

Motion- Siobhan Bohanson

Second- John Hadley

Recommendation- Finance Committee

Discussion

Patrick Crowley, Member of the Finance Committee stated that this annual budget fix actually returns \$23,455 back to the taxpayers. This is due to the fact that the Maturing Debt Interest was reduced. He wanted to make sure that the Town Meeting floor was aware of that.

Vote

It was unanimously voted to transfer from available funds or from any unexpended balances of Fiscal Year 2015 appropriations, hitherto made, to Fiscal Year 2015 appropriation accounts;

Transfer From		
Account #	Description	Amount Required
01-491-5200-5200	Cemetery Purchased Services	\$12,000.00
From Revenue		
Account #	Description	Amount Required
	Raise & Appropriate	\$1,125.00
	Raise & Appropriate	\$3,000.00
	Raise & Appropriate	\$7,420.00
	Raise & Appropriate	-\$80,000.00
	Raise & Appropriate	\$2,500.00
	Raise & Appropriate	\$4,500.00
	Raise & Appropriate	\$20,000.00
	Raise & Appropriate	\$8,000.00
	Raise & Appropriate	\$5,000.00
	Raise & Appropriate	\$5,000.00
Total Reductions		-\$23,455.00

Transfer To		
Account #	Description	Amount Required
01-491-5100-5100	Cemetery Salaries & Wages	\$12,000.00
Raise & Appropriate To		
Account #	Description	Amount Required
01-491-5100-5100	Cemetery Salaries & Wages	\$1,125.00
01-610-5100-5100	Library Salaries & Wages	\$3,000.00
01-752-5900-5925	Short Term Interest	\$7,420.00
01-751-5900-5915	Maturing Debt - Interest	-\$80,000.00
01-541-5200-5200	Council on Aging Purchased services	\$2,500.00
01-194-5200-5450	Town Hall Consolodated Supplies	\$4,500.00
01-151-5200-5200	Town Counsel Purchased Services	\$20,000.00
01-491-5200-5200	Cemetery Purchased Services	\$8,000.00
01-194-5200-5200	Town Hall Purchased Services	\$5,000.00
01-155-5200-5200	Computer Purchased Services	\$5,000.00
Total Appropriations		-\$23,455.00

Article 9 – Authorization to Transfer Funds to the Stabilization Fund

Motion- Christopher Rucho

Second- Siobhan Bohson

Recommendation- Finance Committee, Capital Investment Board

Passed Over

It was unanimously voted to **Pass Over** this article. This article would have allowed the Town to transfer money into the Stabilization Fund.

Article 10 – Authorization to Transfer Funds to the Capital Investment Fund

Motion- Christopher Rucho

Second- John Hadley

Recommendation- Finance Committee, Capital Investment Board

It was unanimously voted to transfer the sum of three hundred ninety thousand, eight hundred and Three dollars (\$390,803) from Certified Free Cash to the Capital Investment Fund.

Other Business-

It was noted by Selectmen John Hadley that there would be an open house at the new Town Hall, 140 Worcester Street on Saturday, Oct. 25th from 12 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Motion to dismiss meeting by John Hadley and duly seconded by Christopher Rucho.

Town meeting dismissed at 8:10 p.m.

Attest:

Kim D. Hopewell, Town Clerk