

**MINUTES  
WEST BOYLSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
APRIL 2, 2008 MEETING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Carolyn Padden, Chairperson, Barry Esteves, Vice-Chairman, Colin Cahill, William Chase, David Eckhardt, Ryan Killman, and Clerk Toby Goldstein.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Heather Feland

Ms. Padden opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

**Minutes of January 2, February 6, and March 5, 2008 Meetings:**

Mr. Eckhardt moved to accept the January 2 minutes as previously corrected. Mr. Esteves seconded. All in favor.

Mr. Eckhardt moved to accept the notices of the February 6 and March 5 meetings. The February meeting was postponed due to lack of business, and the March meeting business was postponed to the April meeting due to lack of quorum. Mr. Chase seconded. All in favor.

**Ordering of Publications For The Conservation Commission:**

Due to the disappearance of a crate packed for transfer from the Mixter Building office to the present one at Hartwell Street, all handbooks and field manuals belonging to the Commission are missing. Mr. Eckhardt will place an order for any publications that he feels necessary for Commission function.

**Laptop Computer For Conservation Commission:**

The Commission further discussed the need for a new computer, including storage and installation. Mr. Esteves said that he would discuss this with Karen Pare.

**Public Hearing, West Boylston Public Schools, Request for Determination of Applicability, Major Edwards Elementary School, 70 Crescent Street:**

Thomas Caruso represented. The Conservation Commission conducted a site visit on March 15. They determined that the parking lot that was to be enlarged could probably extend deeper toward the back of the property, with drainage going into a

natural swale. The area will need to be surrounded by a berm to carry the water to the swale, and erosion control will need to be implemented as close to the work as possible. Haybales will be sufficient for that purpose. Mr. Esteves motioned to close the public hearing and issue a negative determination, with conditions of: haybales during construction, and a Cape Cod berm to control water. The Commission also must be notified when work commences. Mr. Chase seconded. All in favor.

**Public Hearing, NStar Gas, Request for Determination of Applicability, Lancaster Street.**

Brad Holmes, a professional wetland specialist, represented. The work involves replacement of an existing gas main on Lancaster Street with a 6" plastic main. Trenching will be done for the new main. All work will be done within existing roadway layout, at the edge of pavement. The applicants will use erosion controls – fiber rolls which will move along with the project. They will be installing a maximum of 300 ft./day, not removing the old piping, but laying down the new one along side. There will not be stockpiles of soil left overnight, or large disturbances to the property., and if requested, they will make spot checks on the work. Ms. Padden reminded Mr. Holmes that there is to be no parking or storage of fuel in the buffer zone. Mr. Eckhardt moved to close the public hearing and issue a negative determination, with the provision that erosion controls are to be installed and used as indicated in the proposal dated 3/20/08. The Commission wants to be notified of the start of work, and wants a summary letter at the conclusion. Mr. Esteves seconded. All in favor.

**Environmental Notification Report Regarding 16 Woodland Street:**

The Commission reviewed the report, and determined that the work to be done on that property falls within Conservation Commission jurisdiction. The applicants have not filed any paperwork with the Commission as yet. Ms. Padden instructed the clerk to send a letter to Mark Blanchard, reminding him that appropriate filing must be made with the Commission before any work commences.

**Public Hearing, Matthew Marcello, Request for Amended Order of Conditions, 317 West Boylston Street, DEP File #327-0192:**

Kevin Quinn and Matthew Marcello represented. The area between Mr. Marcello's landscaping construction business and West Boylston Street itself is the subject of discussion. Mr. Marcello wants to create a display for landscaping supply sales. This would consist of a series of paved sidewalks, patios, sheds, wood pergala, and 6 parking spaces with crushed stone. The area would be graded, loomed, and seeded. There would be a significant landscape bed, also. The site is now stripped soil. The property is within the riverfront area. Water runoff is controlled with 2 small depressions. To improve runoff characteristics on the existing building corner of Chapman and West Boylston Streets, he wants to gutter it and trap the water. The improvements would be below the riparian zone. Mr. Marcello is proposing to bring back natural riverfront growth, and segregate it with split-rail fence. Mr. Esteves moved to close the public hearing and issue the amended order of conditions according to the

plans dated 3/6/08, with the stipulations that there be no heavy equipment in the riverfront area, identified by the proposed fence lines, and no storage of fertilizers or pesticides with regards to this area. Mr. Eckhardt seconded. All in favor.

**Public Hearing, Thomas Chalker, Request For Amended Order of Conditions, 392 Worcester Street, DEP File #327-0190:**

There was no one present to represent the applicants, and the Commission agreed that they needed more information regarding the property. Mr. Chase motioned to continue the public hearing to the May 7 meeting at 7:15 p.m. Mr. Eckhardt seconded. All in favor. The Commission instructed the clerk to compose a letter to Mr. Chalker and Joseph Evangelista, notifying them of the continuation and requesting that they bring "As Built" plans with a professional engineer's stamp, showing the undergrounds.

**Afra Terrace Update:**

Ms. Padden updated the other members. Replication is taking place. Ms. Padden spoke with Mr. Liston. Haybales are arriving. Erosion controls have been fixed. The work is within the Order of Conditions.

Ms. Padden notified the Commission that she submitted her resignation from the Commission, effective April 30, to Leon Gaumond. She gave the Commission a copy to file.

Mr. Chase motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Mr. Eckhardt seconded. All in favor.