

**MINUTES
WEST BOYLSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 3, 2008 MEETING**

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Eckhardt, Chair, Barry Esteves, John Hadley, Ryan Killman, and Clerk Toby Goldstein.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Colin Cahill, William Chase, and Mark Meola. (Heather Feland resigned from the Commission, effective August 31, 2008.)

Mr. Hadley motioned to open the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Killman seconded. All in favor.

Minutes of August 6, 2008 Meeting:

Mr. Esteves motioned to accept the minutes of August 6 as submitted. Mr. Hadley seconded. All in favor.

185 Laurel Street:

Sean and Bonnie Gannon attended the meeting. They are in the process of purchasing the 185 Laurel Street property, which is currently owned by Wells Fargo Bank after foreclosure. There is still an outstanding Order of Conditions. The Gannons have questions as to what they might need to do, as new owners, in regards to any conservation issues related to the property. The Gannons reviewed the file for 185 Laurel Street at the meeting. The Commission feels that most of the work that needed to be done has been completed. However, Mr. Esteves stated that a wetland scientist needs to be brought in and do a delineation to define the wetland boundaries. Also, all of the trash, construction debris and cut-down trees must be removed from the wetlands.

Glenn Krevosky, present at the meeting to represent for a continued public hearing, offered a restoration plan by Ronald Thunberg for restoring the wetland. He reviewed the plan with the Commission and the Gannons. A wet meadow seed mix would be used. Mr. Krevosky also questioned whether or not the Order of Conditions needed to be extended or has expired.

The Commission would like to see this done before going too far into the rainy season. The Gannons can accept Mr. Krevosky's plan, or choose to consult another wetland scientist. Mr. Eckhardt discussed the possibilities of the Gannons' either needing

a new Order of Conditions, with the fee waived due to improper execution of the last Order, or possibly needing a new Notice of Intent. He also reiterated that any information that they need is public record and available to them, and to let the Commission know what they intend to do.

Continued Public Hearing, Joseph Evangelista, David Brunelle, and Paul Leonardi, Notice of Intent, 150 Worcester Street, DEP File #327-0241:

Mr. Krevosky represented. The Commission held a site inspection on August 18. Mr. Krevosky discussed the intent to maintain flow through the new pipe that is proposed so that it will not become clogged. He stated that the work will not disturb wetlands. The work is located north of the brook system, not within 200 feet of it. Jane Shoreys, representing Wachusett Estates at the meeting, had no further questions for Mr. Krevosky, neither did the Commission. Mr. Esteves motioned to close the public hearing, and issue an Order of Conditions, with the special conditions that: 1. there will be complete removal of all manmade products, including steel and concrete; 2. standard erosion measures will be implemented; 3. the work will be subject to DCR approval; 4. the Commission will be notified 48 hours prior to any construction. Mr. Killman seconded. All in favor.

Mr. Krevosky also wants the Commission to visit the vernal pool on Shrine Avenue. The catch basins are full, and sediment flows into the pool.

Public Hearing, David Jeffries, Bethlehem Bible Church, Notice of Intent, 307 Lancaster Street, DEP File #327-0242:

Scott Hayes, Robert Dunn, and David Jeffries represented. Mr. Hayes showed the Commission the existing conditions plan. The property was flagged in 2001, and a Request for Determination filed for parking lot expansion. There have been drainage issues. The applicants' proposed work will improve the parking lot by increasing parking spaces and improving drainage. They are proposing a 156-space lot (currently there are 125 spaces, on pavement and gravel). On the site plan, he pointed out that the work would move access uphill to a less steep area, and create a drop off area for the lot, as well as adding aesthetic improvements and handicap access. There will be more green spaces and better circulation of traffic. Impervious cover will be increased. They will upgrade catch basins, clean out drainage pipes, and raise the structures. They will also add gutters to the roof of the church and discharge them to the wetlands, and improve access for National Grid vehicles to the easement. Mr. Hayes added that they need approval from National Grid before doing that, and also from Mass Highway. Mr. Esteves added that we needed approval from Mass Highway for our files, due to the intended curb cut, and snow removal and storage need to be addressed. Mr. Hayes showed the Commission possible areas for snow storage. They pointed out that only a certain amount can be stored or else it melts into the wetlands, carrying with it salt, sand, and other contaminants, so that removal of the snow must be done after that certain amount is stored. Concerning the north end of the property, there is a question of whether or not to use those parking spaces as storage or to pay for removal of the snow.

The Commission discussed some concerns regarding the proposed gutters for the church, which will be placed on all four sides, with two discharge points, which will increase flow into the wetlands instead of even distribution of the runoff. They are also concerned with additional impervious going into the wetlands, and about the 2:1 slope, and snow buildup. Mr. Hadley suggested increasing the size of the shoulder, to move snow storage off of the parking lot. Mr. Hayes also mentioned that he needs a permit from the Board of Health for improvements to the septic system, but does not need to file with DCR because the Watershed Protection Act has no jurisdiction. The Commission motioned to continue the public hearing to the October 1 meeting, at 7:15 p.m., pending a site walk. Mr. Hadley seconded. All in favor. They scheduled the site walk for Monday, September 22, at 5:30 p.m, and added that they will need to submit a snow management plan.

Continued Public Hearing, Wayne and Nancy Lucier, Certificate of Compliance, DEP File #327-0219:

The Commission reviewed the file. Mr. Esteves motioned to issue a Certificate of Compliance. Mr. Hadley seconded. All in favor.

64 Bowen Street, Patrick Crowley, Berm Question:

Mr. Crowley has a complaint concerning inundation of his property by water that runs off from the golf course at Wachusett Country Club. He would like permission to build a berm that would deflect water to his neighbor's property. The Commission agreed that they do not have jurisdiction in this matter, and Mr. Eckhardt will send a letter to Mr. Crowley telling him so.

312 West Boylston Street, Menard's Auto Body, Removal of Fuel Tanks:

The Commission discussed reports of the environmental work on the property by a licensed site professional, and the Commission will receive reports as the work continues. The property is within the Gates Brook buffer zone and additional soil samples have been taken, but remediation will probably not need to be taken.

Asian Longhorned Beetles:

Mr. Eckhardt informed the Commission that DCR and DEP are meeting to formulate a policy for them regarding how to handle the problem on wetlands.

Certificate of Compliance, Sewer Projects, DEP File #327-0131:

Commission members conducted site visits to the Goodale Street and Sterling Place pumping stations on August 18. Mr. Esteves motioned to issue Certificates of Compliance for the properties affected by both pumping stations, as part of the MDC Fast Track Sewer Project. Mr. Hadley seconded. All in favor.

Election of Vice-Chair of Conservation Commission:

Mr. Killman motioned to elect Mr. Esteves as Vice-Chair, replacing Heather Feland. Mr. Eckhardt seconded. All in favor.

Update on Carolyn Padden Tribute:

Mr. Eckhardt will contact Heather Feland regarding what she has done so far in the matter.

Mr. Esteves motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. Mr. Killman seconded. All in favor.

Submitted by: _____

Date accepted: _____