

**MINUTES
WEST BOYLSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 7, 2011 MEETING**

MEMBERS PRESENT: William Chase, Chair, John Hadley, Vice-Chair, Charlene Hopkins, Vice-Chair, and Clerk Toby Goldstein.

MEMBERS ABSENT: David Eckhardt, Vice-Chair, and Mark Meola.

Mr. Chase motioned to open the meeting at 7:08 p.m. Ms. Hopkins seconded. All in favor.

Minutes of August 3, 2011 Meeting:

After reviewing of the above minutes by the Commission members, Ms. Hopkins motioned to accept the minutes as submitted. Mr. Hadley seconded. All in favor.

Amended Minutes of July 6, 2011 Meeting:

An error needed to be corrected in the above minutes. After reviewing by the Commission of the corrected minutes, Mr. Hadley motioned to accept the amended minutes. Mr. Chase seconded. All in favor.

192 Goodale Street Request for Partial Certificate of Compliance for Lot 1, DEP File #327-0199:

(Mark Lee represented). The Order of Conditions, DEP File #327-0199, covered the entire subdivision. The applicants are seeking the release of Lot 1, which they are in the process of selling. After reviewing the information submitted by Mr. Lee, Ms. Hopkins motioned to issue a Partial Certificate of Compliance for Lot 1 only, 192 Goodale Street. Mr. Hadley seconded. All in favor.

Request for Certificate of Compliance, 7 Glenwood Ave., DEP File #327-0131:

This property was included with those covered in the MDC Fast Track Sewer Project, Pinecroft Area, for which a Certificate of Compliance was issued on 9/5/1996. The previous property owner was Peter St. Cyr, now deceased, and currently his estate owns the property and is looking to sell it, therefore they need a release on the property. Ms. Hopkins motioned to issue the Certificate of Compliance, DEP File #327-0131. Mr. Hadley seconded. All in favor.

DCR Questions Regarding Tree Removal, Gates 25 and 24:

(Tristan Lundgren represented). DCR notified the Commission that some unintended trees were cut down in the above area. No grading was done but more trees were cut down than were planned. Mr. Lundgren said that DCR will come before the Commission in the Spring when they redefine their project and stabilize the site.

Question by ZBA Regarding 151 Malden Street:

This involves the proposed building by John Hadley, the property owner, of an accessory apartment and garage. The Commission discussed this among themselves (Mr. Hadley recused himself) and with Mr. Lundgren of DCR. None of the participants in the discussion have a problem with this. Mr. Chase instructed the Clerk to e-mail Linda Isgro of ZBA, from him, informing her of the results of the discussion.

DCR Plans to Clear Stiltgrass:

(Mr. Lundgren represented). Mr. Lundgren discussed the desire of DCR to clear this invasive species from behind VFW in West Boylston, along Route 140, at the shoreline of Wachusett Reservoir. If it is cut before it goes to seed, it will stop growing. DCR intends to mow it with gas-powered weed trimmers. Mr. Lundgren presented a summary of their work. The work is basically maintenance, but within the watershed, so they notified the Conservation Commission. The Commission did not have a problem with this being done.

Ruas Update, 412 Worcester Street:

Mr. Lundgren gave the Commission a timeline from DCR, discussing what attempts that they have made to make the Ruas' comply with enforcements against them, and a model letter that they plan to send to DEP regarding the matter. The Clerk will send a letter to DEP, telling them that we received the DCR letter, and describing our previous efforts to have the Ruas' appear before the Commission, to no avail. She will send a copy of the letter to the Building Inspector and Linda Isgro of ZBA.

Update on Minnich/Tashjian Property, 378 Prospect Street:

Mr. Lundgren discussed the current situation with the Commission. He discussed the amount of acres owned by Mr. Minnich, and that portions of the property are still owned by Mr. Tashjian. Over 130 acres are going into APR and WPR. Mr. Lundgren will come before the Commission again at the October 5 meeting, with more information as to the restrictions involved, APR and WPR involvement, and a map defining these areas.

Update on ALB Tree Removal on Tivnan Drive:

DCR Forester has ceased and desisted cutting down of trees per orders of the Sheriff.

Discussion of "Worcester Tree Initiative":

Mr. Lundgren discussed this replanting effort, which is funded by various donors. DCR is contracting with the federal government and this non-profit group in this endeavor.

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Question of Railroad Removal of Beaver Dams:

Mr. Lundgren informed the Commission of the fact that, for about a year now, DCR has noticed that, once a month, beaver dams appear to be pulled down, probably by the Railroad, due to the fact that that the dams flood the railroad tracks. Mr. Lundgren said that he would find out if they are, in fact, doing this, and if they have a permit to do so, and get back to the Commission about it.

At 8:18 p.m., Ms. Hopkins motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hadley seconded. All in favor.

Submitted by: _____

Date accepted: _____