

**MINUTES
WEST BOYLSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OCTOBER 5, 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.

At 7:06 p.m., Mr. Hadley motioned to open the meeting. Ms. Hopkins seconded. All in favor.

Minutes of September 7, 2011 Meeting:

After reviewing of the draft minutes by the Commission members, and the indication of a correction by Ms. Hopkins that needed to be made by the Clerk, Mr. Hadley motioned to accept the minutes as corrected. Ms. Hopkins seconded. All in favor.

12 Chapman Ave. Flooding Problems:

(Pat Bryant represented). Ms. Bryant presented to the Commission the history of her problem with flooding at the above address. Previously, she had e-mailed the Commission, notifying them that, following Hurricane Irene, the stream on the west of her property line overflowed, leaving a large puddle which has remained stagnant, and is currently invaded by mosquitoes and other insects and emits a foul odor. She and her son and his family moved into the property in August, and at that time, the yard was completely dry. Ms. Bryant presented photos of the front and back yards, all taken on October 5, to the Commission members-those photos are on file. After a visit to the property by DPW, it was determined that a beaver dam is blocking a culvert, causing the flooding. DPW suggested that Ms. Bryant consult with the Commission about the matter. Ms. Bryant and her family asked the Commission if the beavers can be relocated. Mr. Chase said that he would speak with Jim O'Day, representative for West Boylston, to check on the status of legislation regarding hunting of beavers, in particular if they are located on Town property. Mr. Chase said that he would also consult with Nancy Lucier and Leon Gaumond for their input. The Commission felt that DPW could at least handle the breaking down of the dam.

Complaint Regarding Angell Brook, Improper Drainage:

(Jeff Taylor of Keystone Development represented). The complaint, dated August 5, sent to DEP, concerned soil erosion that was supposedly running into the storm drain system without protection. Mr. Taylor presented photos of the drain in question (on file), showing filters that

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were in place in the drain. It was determined that the person making the complaint (anonymous) was not aware of a filter already being in place. Also, Mr. Taylor mentioned that the area is hydroseeded, grass is already in, so there should be no more problems. All lower storm drains are protected. The Clerk was instructed to send an e-mail to DEP, who originally sent the

complaint to the Commission, notifying them of the evidence of filters in the storm drains, which will remain until construction is completed.

Update on Afra Terrace:

This discussion involved the continuation of work on the above property, wherein the Order of Conditions had expired. The Commission requested that the property owner, Iqbal Ali, attend the meeting to discuss this. He did not respond, nor did he attend the meeting. The Clerk was instructed to send another request letter to Mr. Ali, and also to send a letter to the Building Inspector, notifying him of the situation, and asking him for a possible Cease and Desist order for work to stop on the property.

Update on 412 Worcester Street:

(This situation was discussed at previous Concomm meetings, regarding the attempt to stop alterations within wetland boundaries by the property owners, who have failed to appear before the Commission). DEP and DCR are handling this situation. The Conservation Commission is waiting for further communications from them regarding this.

Update on Minnich/Tashjian Properties, 378 Prospect Street:

Tristan Lundgren of DCR will have the information discussed at the September Concomm meeting by the November 2 meeting.

Update on Beaver Dam Removal by Railroad:

Mr. Lundgren will also have information on this matter by the November 2 Concomm meeting.

Question of Personal E-mails on Town Website:

After receiving inquiries by Town residents on their personal e-mail addresses rather than these inquiries being received by the Concomm general e-mail, or by the Clerk, the Commission members instructed the Clerk to communicate with the Town boards, to be sure that individual board members' e-mail addresses were not on the Town website, and that they were not to be given out for the purpose of residents' complaints.

Certificate of Compliance for 7 Glenwood Ave. Correction to Address:

The Clerk notified the Commission that the address for the property listed on the above Certificate (issued at the September 7 meeting) was incorrectly given as "7 Glenview Ave." It was previously referred to as "Glenview" and "Glenwood" by the attorney handling the matter. The Commission instructed the Clerk to send a letter to the lawyer informing him of this, asking him to send a new Request for Certificate of Compliance with the correct address, and telling him that the Commission will issue a new Certificate at their November 2 meeting.

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Request for Certificate of Compliance, 193 Goodale Street (10 Olde Century Farm Road, Lot 11), DEP File #327-0212:

The Order of Conditions on the above property expired. The Clerk was instructed to notify the attorney handling the matter to send the Commission a Request for Certificate of Compliance for that completed lot, the Commission would visit the site, but the seller/developer must re-file for another Order of Conditions due to the expired Order, because of new construction.

Ms. Hopkins motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Mr. Hadley seconded. All in favor.

Submitted by: _____

Date accepted: _____