

**MINUTES
WEST BOYLSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 5, 2012 MEETING**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Hadley, Vice-Chair and Mark Meola.

At 7:10 p.m., Mr. Chase motioned to open the meeting. Ms. Hopkins seconded. All in favor.

Valley Forge Circle:

Ms. Hopkins discussed the site visit that took place on October 16 with a Mike Covio from DPW and Charles Caron of Caron Environmental. The proposed work by West Boylston Water District is the replacement of a water line at the edge of the road closest to the wetlands and there is a fire hydrant being added. Ms. Hopkins said that the only substantial change that will take place is to replacement of the water line. Along the street, the new fire hydrant will be installed on the side closest to the wetland. They will be digging up road and installing the fire hydrant, and will put up a silt fence and/or haybale to protect the wetlands. Water District did request the Conservation Commission to waive the filing fee for whatever they needed to file, be it a Notice of Intent or Request for Determination, although it knows it will have to pay for the legal notice in the Telegram and Gazette. The Commission members decided that Water District needed to file a Request for Determination, and the fees cannot be waived as Water District is subbing out the work; fees are only waived for members of the Town of West Boylston and the Water District is its own entity.

National Grid Notification of Herbicide Application:

This was notification of work that takes place on a yearly basis, with no action needed by the Commission, only to file the letter of notification. (The work to be done is selective side pruning and/or danger tree removal along an electric transmission right-of-way).

Discussion of Open Meeting Law Meeting of September 18:

Ms. Hopkins attended this meeting. She discussed major points of the meeting, which included discussions by e-mail between board members, and some new regulations in the law.

Possible Wetland Bylaws for West Boylston:

The Commission members agreed with Mr. Eckhardt's opinion to postpone this discussion until the December 3 meeting in order to discuss the subject with Mr. Hadley, who may have information regarding bylaws of other nearby towns also.

Order of Conditions for Baldarelli, 12 and 20 Laurel Street, DEP File #327-0252:

John Farnsworth, engineer for the Baldarellis from DeFalco Engineering, had planned to attend

the meeting to discuss this with the Commission. The Commission had some concerns regarding “findings” for the resource areas on the Notice of Intent. Mr. Eckhardt noted a poorly defined river surveyed in the proposed work area, and that there is a different riverfront in that area now. Ms. Hopkins pointed out a Bordering Vegetated Wetland across the street from the proposed work also. Mr. Farnsworth is also due to submit a full NOI form to the Commission, after having submitted an abbreviated one previously. The Commission agreed to continue the discussion at the December 3 meeting.

Asian Longhorned Beetle Update:

Mr. Eckhardt stated that he will continue to submit weekly reports to the Commission, and that it should not be included on the meeting agendas until something of note takes place, probably towards the spring.

Olde Century Farm Road Update:

Ms. Hopkins informed the Commission that she located six owners of property in the development, and will send a letter to each of them regarding the maintenance situations of the properties.

Televising of Concomm Meetings:

After discussion by the members, the Commission members unanimously agreed with the suggestion by the Board of Selectmen to televise future Concomm meetings, except meetings taking place at sites. These are posted anyway, and are therefore open to the public. The Clerk will notify Nancy Lucier.

MACC Fall Conference:

No one from the Commission was planning to attend due to scheduling conflicts.

Nashua River Watershed Association Breakfasts:

Gary Howland of the NRWA contacted the Commission, asking if we would be interested in attending and hosting informational/networking breakfasts in our region. The Commission members instructed the Clerk to e-mail Mr. Howland, letting him know that they would be interested in attending breakfasts if invited and that they believe that the breakfasts would be a good learning tool, but that the West Boylston Concomm is not adequately funded to host events of this kind. Also, the members would be interested in having Mark Archambeault speak with them about the organization and other matters.

Pay Rate Update for Clerk:

The Commission members unanimously agreed upon a pay raise for the Clerk, and the amount suggested by the Town Administrator’s office. She will submit the draft minutes of this meeting to Nancy Lucier as notification.

Minutes of September 10 and October 1 Meetings:

After review of the minutes by the Commission members, Mr. Eckhardt motioned to accept both sets of minutes as submitted. Mr. Chase seconded. All in favor.

Baldarelli Order of Conditions, 12 and 20 Laurel Street, DEP File #327-0252:

John Farnsworth arrived at the meeting at 7:28 p.m. to discuss the above. He brought with him a revised site plan, "EPR Plan, Phase I, Dated 9/11/12." No houses along Route 140 are included. He gave the Commission copies of (3) Notices of Contract, for each of the involved families (Clark, Adams, and Amaral). He also mentioned that Richard Baldarelli misplaced the original Order of Conditions, sent to him by Concomm. Mr. Farnsworth said that they may also have a restoration plan. He mentioned that the Amarals are concerned about what the work area will look like when the work is complete. Meanwhile, Mr. Farnsworth must submit a complete NOI form to Concomm. Mr. Eckhardt proposed that, upon receipt of the complete NOI, the Commission will be able to re-issue the Order of Conditions at the December 3 meeting, that this updated plan and the Order of Conditions will be sufficient for the applicants to proceed with their work, and the members agreed that they would accept a restoration plan or an "as built" restoration plan as documentation for the Certificate of Compliance when the work is completed.

At 7:41 p.m., Mr. Chase motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Eckhardt seconded. All in favor.

Submitted by: _____

Date accepted: _____