MINUTES WEST BOYLSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION DECEMBER 3, 2012 MEETING

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Meola

At 7:03 p.m., Mr. Chase motioned to open the meeting. Mr. Eckhardt seconded. All in favor.

Baldarelli Order of Conditions, DEP File #327-0252:

(John Farnsworth of DeFalco Engineering represented). Mr. Farnsworth notified the Commission that the Notice of Intent for the above work was sent to the Earth Removal Board, and a public hearing will be held on December 18 at 7:00. Mr. Farnsworth discussed a time frame and milestones of the intended work. The applicants are requesting a 2-year permit from the Earth Removal Board (ERB). At the end of the first year, they will remove the stop sign, gate, and allow a year for growth. Regarding inspection, Mr. Farnsworth said that the Commission could come at any time, with no schedule needed. Mr. Eckhardt asked about the applicants providing final drawings, and Mr. Farnsworth replied that an "as built" plan will be submitted when the project is complete. Mr. Chase suggested that the applicants send a letter to all of the families involved in the intended work, confirming that they are in agreement with the planned work. Mr. Farnsworth replied that the Amarals did not need a final plan, as they are in agreement with whatever is to take place. He also said that the ERB probably will not issue their permit until January, and the applicants will wait to actually begin until the weather is suitable. Mr. Eckhardt suggested that after the ERB meeting

on December 18th, Mr. Farnsworth should let the Conservation Commission know if they need to be involved in any further discussion. Mr. Farnsworth added that he will be sending necessary paperwork to DCR also.

Mr. Chase then motioned to issue an Order of Conditions to the applicants, for DEP File #327-0252, with Special Conditions contained with the document that were decided upon at the 9/10/12 meeting. Mr. Eckhardt seconded. All in favor.

Minutes of 11/5/2012 Meeting:

After review of the minutes by the Commission members, Mr. Chase motioned to accept the minutes as submitted. Mr. Eckhardt seconded. All in favor (Mr. Hadley abstained, as he did not attend that meeting).

Update on Valley Forge Circle Request for Determination of Applicability:

The Commission members present at the November 5 meeting decided that the applicants, the West Boylston Water District, for work at the above, involving replacement of a water line and addition of a fire hydrant, need to file a Request for Determination. The Clerk notified Caron Environmental, who is handling the filing, of this, but there has been no response from the applicants so far. The Commission decided to discontinue discussion until the applicants file. (The Commission members present at the November meeting also discussed what took place regarding this matter with Mr. Hadley, who was not present then).

Discussion of Possible Wetland Bylaws for West Boylston:

The Commission discussed the possibility of West Boylston wetland bylaws, and will seriously consider them during the calendar year 2013. Meanwhile, Mr. Eckhardt suggested that a model format for the bylaws can be obtained from the MACC website. Mr. Chase added that they can also obtain copies of bylaws from surrounding towns (Holden, Shrewsbury, Boylston and Clinton) that have bylaws in force. Meanwhile, the Clerk was instructed, in addition to trying to obtain the above, to request that Mark Archambeault from the Nashua River Watershed Association attend a Concomm meeting to assist the Commission with this process, telling him that the Commission would like to find out his fees, what is involved in creating bylaws, and how much time is needed for this. Also, she

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needs to e-mail Tristan Lundgren of DCR to see if he has any of this information. Mr. Hadley added that, as part of the process, the Commission would have to appear in front of the Town Bylaw Committee, and they would submit the request to the Selectmen.

At 7:37 p.m., Mr. Chase motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Eckhardt seconded. All in favor.

Submitted by: ______ Date accepted: ______