

**MINUTES
WEST BOYLSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 4, 2013 MEETING**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Charlene Hopkins, Chair, and Mark Meola.

At 7:05 p.m., Mr. Chase motioned to open the meeting. Mr. Hadley seconded. All in favor.

Minutes of January 7 Meeting:

After discussion of the draft minutes by the Commission members, Mr. Hadley motioned to accept the minutes as submitted. Mr. Eckhardt seconded. Mr. Chase abstained, as he did not attend that meeting.

Discussion of Wetland Bylaw Process:

Mark Archambeault of the Nashua River Watershed Association was scheduled to attend the meeting to discuss the process of formulating wetland bylaws for the Town, but he was not able to attend. He e-mailed the Commission a memo, discussing some of what the process might involve. The Commission was of the opinion that he would not be charging them for the informational session, but that was not mentioned in the memo, so the members instructed the Clerk to send an e-mail to Mr. Archambeault, stating that it was the Board's opinion that there would not be a charge for this first meeting, and asking him if that was the case. Meanwhile, Mr. Eckhardt plans to investigate the legality and logistics of out-of-town experts participating in meetings through use of speakerphone, particularly where it may involve the Open Meeting Law. He proposed that the Commission members might send Mr. Archambeault questions that they have, and perhaps have a discussion by conference call.

Project Roundtable, Faucher Package Store, 21 Franklin Street:

Mr. Chase, Mr. Hadley (as a Selectman) and possibly Mr. Eckhardt were planning to attend, on February 13, at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Eckhardt mentioned the interest that Concomm would have regarding impact of this project on the wetlands, and whether or not the parties involved would need to file a Request for Determination of Applicability. Mr. Hadley added, that if the project continues after the meeting, DCR may need to be involved.

Update on Baldarelli, DEP File #327-0252:

Mr. Eckhardt informed the Commission that the Earth Removal Board hearing was continued until February 12. However, the applicants have not yet filed for a variance from DCR. Concomm sees certain restrictions in the Town's bylaws applying to this project, even though they have approved it already from a wetlands standpoint.

MACC Conference, March 2:

Ms. Hopkins has expressed interest, and will notify the Clerk as to which sessions she wishes to register for.

Filing Fee Comparisons:

The Commission members reviewed information e-mailed by DEP and various towns in Massachusetts which discussed their fees for various filings.

Mr. Hadley motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. Mr. Chase seconded. All in favor.

Submitted by: _____

Date accepted: _____