

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

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

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

Mr. Chase motioned to open the meeting at 7:06 p.m. Mr. Hadley seconded. All in favor.

Discussion With John Scannell of DCR Regarding Project Off Of Waushacum Road:

Mr. Scannell discussed the upcoming project with the Commission members. He informed them that, for approximately the past 15 years, contractors in the summer have been removing aquatic invasives in the area. The source is an upper stillwater basin. Now the plants are invading the main body of the reservoir. They need to use diver-assisted suction harvesting with vacuums. There are 30 acres of basin. He believes that it can be done in one summer. What is removed would be disposed of in the woods. They may have to transport it off-site, such as to Sterling where it would be used as fertilizer. The plan is to leave from the gate which is past the last house on Waushacum Road. The road bends along the shore, and is gravelly and ramp-like. Their plan is to remove the dip at the slope of the road, dispose of these materials in a dumpster first, and then move that to Sterling. Mr. Scannell believes that this work is exempt from the Watershed Protection Act because it is being done to maintain the reservoir. They would place silt fence around where the gravel is being dumped. He estimated that they would work from late May through the summer.

Mr. Chase instructed the clerk to make note of this discussion in the minutes, and that it is considered to be normal maintenance. (On file are photos of the work area and draft specs for the removal to take place).

Discussion of Valley Forge Circle, Request for Determination of Applicability, West Boylston Water District:

The applicants are looking to replace a water line and install a new hydrant. They are attending the April 1 meeting (Public Hearing not yet posted). The Commission members decided that another site visit is not needed, as Ms. Hopkins already visited the site.

Discussion of Upcoming Public Hearing for 150 Worcester Street, Joseph Evangelista, Notice of Intent:

The work planned is the construction of a building with (2) two-family dwellings. They will be attending the April 1 meeting (Public Hearing not yet posted). The Commission members looked over the NOI filing and site plan to familiarize themselves with the intended project, and decided that they would want to make a site visit.

Bylaw Discussion With Nashua River Watershed Association's Mark Archambeault:

Mr. Archambeault agreed to come to discuss this process on April 1 at 7:30 p.m.

MACC Conference on March 2:

Ms. Hopkins attended two of the units offered at the conference, one for projects for town-owned conservation land and the other for functions and values of wetlands. Ms. Hopkins has now completed all 8 Fundamentals for Conservation Commissioners classes that are offered through the MACC Conferences.

Minutes of February 4, 2013 Meeting:

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

Discussion of 21 Franklin Street Project Roundtable:

Mr. Hadley attended this meeting, which took place on February 13 at Town Hall. The project involves the building of a liquor store at the above address. Mr. Hadley discussed the main issue being runoff of water and how to deal with it. He believed that the engineer had a good plan for this. Meanwhile, the people adjacent to the property need to keep the water on their property.

Discussion With Cameo Properties Regarding Property Maintenance:

Mr. Chase discussed maintenance issues regarding West Boylston Square shopping center. He instructed the clerk to contact the owner of Cameo Properties, the owners of the property, to contact him to review what seem to be unattended maintenance issues on the property. There is no documentation that ongoing annual maintenance has been done there, and the Concomm is involved with a project on abutting property.

Update on Baldarelli, DEP File #327-0252:

Mr. Hadley informed the Commission members that the Earth Removal Board has reduced the intended size of the project.

Update on National Grid Request for Certificate of Compliance Search:

The clerk has been in correspondence with David Guerrero of Coneco Engineers and Scientists, who has been requesting any information that Concomm may have on file regarding

a Certificate of Compliance for National Grid, DEP File #327-0208 (no Request for Certificate of Compliance, or Certificate itself, is on file with Concomm). Mr. Guerrero met with Ms. Goldstein to review the file and ask for photocopies to be made and sent to him at Coneco, along with a bill for the fees for the copies and postage. She has done this.

Mr. Chase motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Mr. Hadley seconded. All in favor.

Submitted by: _____

Date accepted: _____