

MINUTES
WEST BOYLSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OCTOBER 7, 2013 MEETING

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

At 7:00 pm, Ms. Hopkins moved to open the meeting. Mr. Eckhardt seconded. All in favor.

Minutes of 9/10/13 Meeting:

The Commission members reviewed the draft minutes. Ms. Hopkins presented an addendum, which was a set of notes from the site visit that she made on 9/10/13 to 9 Olde Century Farm Road. Mr. Eckhardt moved to accept the minutes as amended, by the addition of the site notes addendum. Mr. Hadley seconded. All in favor.

Wetland Bylaws:

Mr. Eckhardt responded to a question by Mark Archambeault of the Nashua River Watershed Association, regarding whether or not a conference call with the Commission to discuss the bylaw process would be in compliance with the Open Meeting Law. Mr. Eckhardt determined that it would comply, so that Mr. Archambeault would not have to attend a meeting but the Concomm could meet with him by conference call. Mr. Chase suggested that Mr. Eckhardt should discuss the Concomm's intent to develop bylaws with the Selectmen at the October 21 Town Meeting. The Commission will discuss the draft prepared by Mr. Archambeault at the November 4 Concomm meeting. Also, Mr. Chase signed (3) original copies of the signature page; these will be left for Leon Gaumond to sign, then the Clerk will send them back to Mr. Archambeault for signature by Elizabeth Ainsley Campbell of NRWA.

Discussion of Baldarelli Orders of Conditions:

The Commission agreed to continue until the November meeting. The discussion involved possible amendment needed to Orders of Conditions.

Discussion with Anthony Sylvia of DPW, Regarding Certificates of Compliance to MDC Fast Track Sewer Project:

Mr. Sylvia reviewed DPW and Town Hall records, and at this point, could only find the Order of Conditions for the project, with the abutters' list. He could not locate the original Certificates of Compliance for the Pinecroft, Sterling Place, and Goodale Street pumping stations. Ms. Hopkins proposed that, if the original Certificates cannot be located, she would prepare affidavits and attach them to the copies at the November 4 meeting; the Concomm members would sign them. Mr. Hadley moved that this would take place. Mr. Eckhardt seconded. All in favor. Ms. Hopkins said that the Commission would send a draft to Mr. Sylvia prior to the next meeting for his review.

Mark Meola Regarding 195-201 West Boylston Street:

Mr. Meola appeared to discuss a letter that he received from DCR to Cease and Desist all work on that property, which involves grading of the parking lot; also, it is located within 400 ft. of a riverfront. They also sent him forms for an "applicability decision." Mr. Chase did visit the site, and opined that the work appears well done. Mr. Meola also brought photos of the site with him this evening. Mr. Chase told Mr. Meola that the grading, which involves asphalt removal, is permissible as long as it is done "in kind." Mr. Chase added that a problem with water runoff onto the neighboring property was stabilized by installation of a berm, and also pervious was diminished. (Mr. Chase had asked Jean McKnight of DCR to attend this evening's meeting, and she did not appear; he also told DCR that he visited the site). Ms. Hopkins advised Mr. Meola to fill out the forms that DCR sent to him, and attach photos, stating "asphalt removed and replaced in kind; see attached photos."

Purchase of Three Rivers Building for New Town Hall:

The property was purchased for the purpose of a new Town Hall, and this was announced on the Town website.

Mr. Hadley moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 pm. Ms. Hopkins seconded. All in favor.

Submitted by: _____

Date accepted: _____