

MINUTES
WEST BOYLSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 16, 2014 SPECIAL MEETING

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

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

At 7:03 pm, Mr. Eckhardt moved to open the meeting. Ms. Hopkins seconded. All in favor.

Discussion of Wetland Bylaws:

Town Counsel had sent suggestions for corrections to the draft bylaws to the Conservation Commission, prior to the vote to accept the bylaws at the October Town Meeting. Mr. Eckhardt discussed that the bylaws must be passed by a majority vote of a properly advertised Town Meeting; regulations can be passed by a majority vote at a properly advertised Board of Selectmen's meeting. According to the aforementioned Town Counsel correspondence, Town Counsel assumed that only the bylaws are being presented for vote at the Town Meeting and the regulations will go to a subsequent Board of Selectmen meeting for approval. He asserted that the question before the board was whether or not they should accept the recommendations of Town Counsel regarding the bylaws. Mr. Eckhardt moved to accept Town Counsel's recommendations and offer the most recent draft, that of 11/4/2013 (second draft), as amended by Town Counsel on 9/10/14, and forward this to the Town Administrator for inclusion on the warrant of the 10/20/14 Town Meeting. Ms. Hopkins seconded. All in favor. Ms. Hopkins added that, before forwarding to the Town Administrator, it must be forwarded to Mark Archambeault of the Nashua River Watershed Association, who has worked with the Commission to formulate the bylaws, to draft a new copy of the bylaws, incorporating the corrections of the Town Counsel, and taking out any references to "draft," and this will then be forwarded to Town Administrator Leon Gaumond. Mr. Eckhardt then changed his motion, and moved to accept the recommendations of Town Counsel and ask Mark Archambeault to provide the Commission with a new original copy, incorporating the recommendations of Town Counsel, taking out any reference to "draft" and this new copy must be to Mr. Gaumond by noon on 9/24/14. Ms. Hopkins seconded. All in favor. (Ms. Hopkins instructed the Clerk that, if Mr. Archambeault does not have time to do this, she will do it). Also, the Clerk was instructed to invite Mr. Archambeault to attend the next Concomm meeting (October 6) and the Town Meeting on October 20.

Mr. Eckhardt suggested to Mr. Chase that after Mr. Archambeault replies, that he should e-mail him, thanking him and letting him know that he is free to use our bylaws with other towns (Mr. Chase remarked Sterling and Boylston in particular). Mr. Eckhardt added that when the final copy is completed, it should be given to Tristan Lundgren and John Scannell of DCR, with thanks to Tristan for his input.

Mr. Eckhardt notified the Commission that he would probably not be able to attend the October 6 meeting, but said that he would work on the regulations, with assistance from Mr. Gaumond.

Other Business:

There was no significant correspondence for the Commission members to review. The October 6 tentative meeting schedule was discussed, and times chosen for scheduling of a Request for Determination and discussion of Afra Terrace. Also, Mr. Eckhardt instructed the Clerk to send the engineer for the RDA project a fee schedule, which he requested by e-mail. Mr. Eckhardt then discussed the progress of the gas main hookup to extend service to the schools. At this point, the gas main work is all installed except for a gas meter at one school; it is tied into the Route 12 gas main; he discussed the breadth of service.

With no further business to discuss, Ms. Hopkins moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Mr. Eckhardt seconded. All in favor.

Submitted by: _____

Date accepted: _____