



Town of West Boylston

140 Worcester Street, West Boylston, Massachusetts 01583

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

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Monday, 11/6/2023 6:00p.m./ MEETINGS TAKING PLACE AT WEST BOYLSTON TOWN HALL, LAND USE MEETING ROOM, #120

Members Present

William Chase (Chair), Emily Eaton, Carl Haarmann and Clerk Toby Goldstein.

Members NOT Present

Colin Cahill, and Jeffrey Perkins (Associate Member)

Invited Guests

N/A

Welcome – Call to Order

Time: 6:01 p.m.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes of 10/2/23 Meeting, and 10/12 and 10/19/23 Special Meetings

Motion Originator Emily Eaton (for all three sets of minutes)

Motion Seconded Carl Haarmann (for all three sets of minutes)

Treasurer – Financial Report

Mr. Chase reviewed the report prior to the meeting; he briefly discussed with board this evening.

Motion to Accept N/A

Seconded N/A

At 6:01 pm, Ms. Eaton made a motion to open the meeting. Mr. Haarmann seconded. All in favor. Mr. Chase called the meeting to order. Then, Ms. Eaton made a motion (per Mr. Chase) to close the public hearing for 250 and 256 Worcester Street. Mr. Haarmann seconded. All in favor.

Administrative Decision Regarding 256 Worcester Street:

Mr. Chase explained to all present that DCR, DEP, the Town Administrator, Building Inspector, and the Conservation Commission have all been involved in this matter. Mr. Chase asserted that, after doing all the research that was requested, he found no violations regarding the Wetlands Protection Act, MGL 310 and asserted that DCR and DEP came to the same conclusion. Continuing to the question about whether trees could be cut down, he asserted that the board said that they could be cut and there was no violation in doing so. Mr. Chase noted that the Town issued Mr. Meola a Cease and Desist Order for putting down wattles, but the board

terminated it because they opined that Mr. Meola needed the wattles due to the rainy season. Mr. Chase, in summary, asserted that the board found no violations, nor did DCR and DEP, and none of these entities thought that wetlands protection was needed. He noted that he met with DCR and DEP several times and visited the site with them as well. Ms. Eaton commented that there were no buffer zone or wetland issues, so she did not see any violations to MGL 310. Mr. Haarmann commented that, in his opinion, there was no violation of anything within the board's jurisdiction. Mr. Chase added that the only other thing that he had to say was that trees that were supposed to be cut down (pine trees at the entry door), which were still not taken down, have the permission of the board, DCR and DEP to be taken down, and he assumes without the board being notified, so long as no stumps are removed and everything is solidified.

With no further discussion, Mr. Haarmann made a motion to dismiss the complaint. Ms. Eaton seconded. All in favor.

Minutes of October 2, 2023 Meeting and October 12 and October 19, 2023 Special Meetings: After review of the draft minutes by the board members, Ms. Eaton made a motion to approve the minutes as written (she approved each set of minutes). Mr. Haarmann seconded (he seconded approval of each set of minutes). All in favor.

Next Scheduled Meeting: DECEMBER 4, 2023, AT 6:00 P.M., AT TOWN HALL, ROOM #120.

Treasurer/Financial Report: Mr. Chase discussed this briefly with the board.

Miscellaneous Mail and/or Paperwork Including Correspondence from DCR, DEP and MACC: There was no mail or paperwork that Mr. Chase needed to discuss with the board this evening.

With no further discussion taking place, Mr. Haarmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m. Ms. Eaton seconded. All in favor.

Submitted by: _____

Reviewed by: _____

Date submitted: _____

