



# Town of Boylston Conservation Commission [conservation@boylston-ma.gov](mailto:conservation@boylston-ma.gov)

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## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MARCH 20, 2023

Members Present: Joe McGrath, Ron Aspero, Jeffrey Walsh, Mark Coakley

Members Absent: Chip Burkhardt

Others Present: See Attached Sign-In Sheet

Recorder: Melanie Rich

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Ron Aspero made a motion to confirm April 10, 2023 as the next meeting date; Mark Coakley seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved. Mark Coakley made a motion to approve the January 23, 2023 Meeting Minutes; Joe McGrath seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved. The February 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes were tabled to the April meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING (continued) – 260 Shrewsbury Street (Dragon 88) – Notice of Intent Application** to divert stormwater runoff from the fill slopes as well as stabilizing non-vegetated or sparsely vegetated slopes due to the former placement of unauthorized fill which impacted and created Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. (DEP#115-427)

Scott Heim (Northeast Ecological Services) requested a continuance via email. Mark Coakley made a motion to accept the request for continuance to April 10, 2023 at 7:05 p.m.; Jeff Walsh seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

### **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

Consider issuing a Certificate of Compliance for 85 Sewall Street, DEP#115-420 (Brookside Apartments) –  
No information received.

Consider issuing a Certificate of Compliance for 21 Woodland Drive, SCP#2020-3 – Tabled to the April meeting.

Review Tighe & Bond FY 2023 Stormwater Program Assistance Proposal – The annual proposal was reviewed; there is an increase of \$1,000. Mr. McGrath noted that there is now a requirement for a lake phosphorous control plan for Newton Pond. It was abandoned by the federal government but the state is still requiring a phosphorus control plan even though Newton Pond is not on the list that requires a plan. Action will be needed this year. Having no issues, Joe McGrath made a motion to accept the proposal and forward it to the Town Administrator for endorsement; Jeff Walsh seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

Camp Harrington (Parks & Rec) – At the request of the Parks & Rec Coordinator, Pam Frechette, on March 13<sup>th</sup> Mr. McGrath and Mr. Aspero met with her, Eric Hoffses and a potential contractor for restoration of the entry road down to the site. They are not going to restore the road; they are going to turn it into a trail. They will narrow it but stay on the original roadbed. Based on the fact that they are not planning to do any new grading, they were told they could file a Request for Determination of

Applicability so the board can make an official call on whether it is a maintenance function or new project that would require an NOI.

Review Correspondence/Emails/Additional Items: Mr. McGrath and Mr. Aspero visited the back lot of the Fuller site. There was some fill done near the front of the site adjacent to the bridge and the slope that goes down to the stream. There was also a significant amount of work done at the back of the site which he was not sure was jurisdictional. He thought the fill that they put in was strictly to expand space. It has nothing to do with a water runoff issue because there is a berm at the front of the driveway which routes all the water from the uphill construction into the storm drains. There would have to be a significant rain event for water to top the berm and get into the site. He believes it was just squaring off a corner so they had some additional parking space. Mr. Aspero said there were berms on both sides. There was no evidence of washout or excessive water coming through that area. An Enforcement Order will be issued if they don't attend the next meeting. What Fuller's told the Commission at the February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting was in direct opposition to the correspondence received from the representative of the Route 140 RW LLC Property (158 & 160 Shrewsbury Street) project.

Mr. McGrath said there was no new information received regarding Compass Pointe. Mark Anttila said Boylston CP, LLC has requested to be put on the list to accept the subdivision.

Mr. McGrath and Mr. Aspero will meet on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 3PM at 25 Ethan Allen Drive for a beaver issue.; Mass Wildlife will also attend as well as a member of the BOH, Highway and Selectmen.

Having no further business to discuss, Jeff Walsh made a motion to adjourn; Mark Coakley seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.