



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

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## **SPECIAL ZOOM MEETING MINUTES JULY 10, 2023**

Members Present Remotely: Mark Coakley, Chip Burkhardt, Jeffrey Walsh, Ron Aspero, Joe McGrath, Lucas Rose

Members Absent: None

Others Present Remotely: Will Talbot (CMRPC)

Recorder: Melanie Rich

The Chair opened the Special Zoom Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Review Town Grant Application for School Street Property – The Board of Selectmen is asking that the Commission discuss the Land Grant application and decide whether or not we support and endorse it. If the Commission agrees to support it, the Chair will sign a letter stating that the Commission is in favor of the Grant being offered to the town.

Mr. Walsh reviewed the Land Grant information and said if the town does receive the money, it requires the Commission to be the custodian. No members had objections to endorsing it. To allow hunting on the property was discussed. Mr. Burkhardt's said in order to hunt, you need to be 500-feet away from an occupied dwelling which be hard to do on that parcel. He didn't have an issue with the phrase to allow hunting on the property. Mr. McGrath said he attended the BOS meeting earlier today and they advocated that we allow hunting on the property and would like us to use the same Land Use Regulations that were used for the acres around East Wood that we acquired in custodianship. In those regulations we said that hunting was allowed, but only in compliance with all state hunting regulations.

Will Talbot from CMRPC is preparing the Grant. Mr. McGrath said he did a good job; everything was comprehensive.

Joe McGrath made a motion that we recommend that the Land Grant application be accepted and the Chair of the Conservation Commission sign a letter indicating our approval; Jeff seconded; roll call vote: Burkhardt-aye; Coakley-aye; Walsh-aye; Aspero-aye; Rose-aye; McGrath-aye; motion passes unanimously. Jeff Walsh made a motion that Chip Burkhardt delegate Joe McGrath to sign a letter of support on behalf of the Conservation Commission and/or sign the Land Grant application and any other administrative duties necessary for the July 13, 2023 deadline; Mark Coakley seconded; roll call vote: Burkhardt-aye; Coakley-aye; Walsh-aye; Aspero-aye; Rose-aye; McGrath-aye; motion passes unanimously.

Discuss Construction Activity on Stiles Road – Ron Aspero did visit the site; other members will visit the site and it will be discussed in more detail at the July 17, 2023 meeting.

Jeff Walsh made a motion to adjourn; Mark Coakley seconded; roll call vote: Burkhardt-aye; Coakley-aye; Walsh-aye; Aspero-aye; Rose-aye; McGrath-aye; motion passes unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.