



Town Clerk's Office
Town of West Boylston
120 Prescott Street
West Boylston, Massachusetts 01583

Certificate of Vote

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters of the Town of West Boylston held in the auditorium of the West Boylston Middle/High School on May 21, 2007 the following business was transacted:

Article 33 – Authorization To Amend The General Bylaws Of Town Of West Boylston By Adding Section XXXI Community Preservation Committee Bylaw

Motion- Christopher Rucho
Second- Valmore Pruneau, Jr.
Bylaw Com.- recommends approval
Finance Committee- no recommendation

Motion to Amend-
Motion by James Ryan, second by Donald DeMarsh, to amend Chapter 2: Duties, by adding the following;

4. The Community Preservation Committee shall recommend surcharge changes to Town Meeting.

This amendment was accepted by a Simple Majority vote.

It was voted by a Simple Majority to amend the General Bylaws of the Town by adding a new section, Section XXXI Community Preservation Committee Bylaw as follows:

Chapter 1: Establishment

There is hereby established a Community Preservation Committee, consisting of nine (9) voting members pursuant to MGL Chapter 44B. The composition of the committee, the appointment authority and the term of office for the committee members shall be as follows:

- a. One member of the Planning Board as designated by the Board for a term of three years.
- b. One member of the Conservation Commission as designated by the Commission for an initial term of one year and thereafter for a term of three years.
- c. One member of the Historical Commission as designated by the Commission for an initial term of one year and thereafter for a term of three years.
- d. One member of the Parks Commission as designated by the Commission for an initial term of one year and thereafter for a term of three years.

- e. One member of the West Boylston Housing Authority Board as designated by its Board of Directors for an initial term of two years and thereafter for a term of three years.
- f. Two members to be appointed by the Town Administrator for an initial term of two years and thereafter for a term of three years.
- g. Two members to be appointed by the Town Administrator, for a term of three years.

Should any of the Commissions, Boards, Councils or Committees who have appointment authority under this Chapter be no longer in existence for what ever reason, the appointment authority for that Commission, Board, Council, or Committee shall become the responsibility of the Town Administrator.

Chapter 2: Duties

1. The Community Preservation Committee shall study the needs, possibilities and resources of the town regarding community preservation. The committee shall consult with existing municipal boards, including the Board of Selectmen, the Conservation Commission, the Historical Commission, the Planning Board, the Parks Commission and the Housing Authority, or persons acting in those capacities or performing like duties, in conducting such studies. As part of its study, the Committee shall hold one or more public informational hearings on the needs, possibilities and resources of the town regarding community preservation possibilities and resources, notice of which shall be posted publicly and published for each of two weeks preceding a hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the town as well as the Town's website. The Committee may, after proper appropriation, incur expenses as permitted by state law using funds from the community preservation fund to pay such expenses.

2. The Community Preservation Committee shall make recommendations to Town Meeting for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space; for the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources; for the acquisition, creation and preservation of land for recreational use; for the acquisition, creation, preservation and support of community housing; and for the rehabilitation or restoration of open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created as provided in this section. With respect to community housing, the community preservation committee shall recommend, wherever possible, the reuse of existing buildings or construction of new buildings on previously developed sites.

3. The community preservation committee may include in its recommendation to the Town Meeting a recommendation to set aside for later spending funds for specific purposes that are consistent with community preservation but for which sufficient revenues are not then available in the Community Preservation Fund to accomplish that specific purpose or recommended action to set aside for later spending funds for general purposes that are consistent with community preservation.

Chapter 3: Requirement for a quorum and cost estimates

The Community Preservation Committee shall not meet or conduct business without the presence of a quorum and shall keep a written record of its proceedings, a copy of which should be filed with the Town Administrator and Town Clerk upon its acceptance. A majority of the members of the community preservation committee shall constitute a quorum. The Community Preservation Committee shall approve its actions by majority vote. Meetings will be held in

accordance with the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law. Recommendations to the Town Meeting shall include their anticipated costs.

Chapter 4: Amendments

This Bylaw may be amended from time to time by a majority vote of the Town Meeting, provided that the amendments would not cause a conflict to occur with MGL, Chapter 44B.

Chapter 5: Severability

In case any section, paragraph or part of this bylaw be for any reason declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of last resort, every other section, paragraph or part shall continue in full force and effect.

Chapter 6: Effective Date

Each appointing authority shall have twenty days after approval to make their initial appointments.

The term for the first-appointed Community Preservation Committee shall begin upon appointment in accordance with the preceding paragraph. The one-year appointments shall end on June 30, 2008, the two-year appointments shall end on June 30, 2009, and the three-year appointments shall end on June 30, 2010. Subsequent terms will begin on July 1 of each year and will be for a period of three years. Any vacancy on the Community Preservation Committee shall be filled by the commission, authority or board that designated the member who creates the vacancy by designating another member in accordance with Section (1) above for the unexpired term.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the vote taken at the Semi-Annual Town Meeting held on 21st of May 2007, in the Town of West Boylston Massachusetts.

I hereby certify that there was a quorum present at the meeting at which this action was taken. Witness my hand and seal of the Town of West Boylston, this day, May 22, 2007.

Attest:

Kim D Hopewell

Kim D. Hopewell, Town Clerk