



TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

BOARD/COMMITTEE: Conservation Commission

MEETING DATE: March 17, 2021

TIME: 7:30 PM

PLACE: Remote Meeting pursuant to Current Executive Order of March 12, 2020.

See instructions below.

All participants must identify themselves when speaking. All votes to be by rollcall.

7:30 Call to Order via Zoom pursuant to Zoom details below.

TOPICS EXPECTED TO BE DISCUSSED (AGENDA):

Review Minutes and Correspondence New Business

For review and approval: Minutes March 3, 2021

Committee Reports: Chairman's Reports (Reip)

Boxborough Conservation Trust (Koonce)

Best Meeting Practices (Reip / Nadwairski)

Community Preservation Committee (Reip)

Land Stewardship Committee (Hanover)

Water Resources Committee (Schmitt)

7:45 Agricultural Licenses

8:00 Hearing Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation 595 & 615 Depot Road

To be continued to April 7, 2021.

8:15 Hearing Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation 1414 Massachusetts Avenue

To be continued to April 21, 2021.

Discussion as time allows: Chapter 61 Land Use

Commission Study Topics

Ongoing: 199 Middle Road EO

313 Mass Ave OOC compliance and COC status

498 Stow Road encroachment

1102 Massachusetts Ave. EO

650 Mass Ave - Enforcement Status

Invasives Management

Calendar: April 7, 2021

April 21, 2021

Correspondence:

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Meeting Minutes**

Conservation Commission
March 3, 2021
7:30 PM
Zoom

Approved:

Members Present: Dennis Reip (Chair), Dave Follett, Norm Hanover, Steve Schmitt, and Hoff Stuart

Members Absent: David Koonce

At 7:35 PM, Dennis called the meeting to order and noted this meeting is being conducted via Remote Participation, pursuant to Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of COVID-19 a.k.a. the Coronavirus.

Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Steve and voted unanimously by roll call to approve the minutes of Feb. 17, 2021 as amended.

Reip yes; Follett yes; Hanover yes; Schmitt yes; Stuart yes.

Dennis reviewed the following correspondence:

Atty Vorce email notification Right of First Refusal at 1172 Hill Road. Order of Conditions 113-562 has been issued for this site. This parcel is isolated from other Conservation parcels.

Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Norm and voted unanimously by roll call to decline the purchase of the property for conservation purposes.

Reip yes; Follett yes; Hanover yes; Schmitt yes; Stuart yes.

Building Inspector email update on 650 Massachusetts Avenue. The owner has agreed to remove the fill from the buffer zone and plant grass. The developer will generate a new site plan.

Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Norm and voted unanimously by renew the Sudbury Valley Trustees membership dues of \$60.00.

Reip yes; Follett yes; Hanover yes; Schmitt yes; Stuart yes.

Town Planner email request for comments 1414 Massachusetts Avenue Site Plan Approval.

Dennis noted that after discontinued use of more than 2 years, the applicant seeks to establish the site as the head office for the company along with R & D laboratories and the capability to develop, manufacture and analyze small volumes of pharmaceutical products in the facility.

An ANRAD has been filed for that location and the hearing will be opened on March 17, 2021.

A hearing has been scheduled for April 1, 2021 in Lowell regarding the Enforcement Order at 199 Middle Road.

Consideration of Recommendations for Community Preservation Fund Warrant Articles
Dennis reviewed the articles for recommendations in the warrant for annual town meeting.

Article 3 Conservation Trust Fund

The Commission recommends appropriation of \$10,000 with no commentary.

Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Norm and voted unanimously by roll call to approve the recommendation for the annual Town Meeting warrant.

Reip yes; Follett yes; Hanover yes; Schmitt yes; Stuart yes.

Article 4 Liberty Field Capital Improvements

The Commission discussed the high demand for active recreation activities. Flerra Meadows is possibly overused. The proposed changes to Liberty Fields will improve access to the Patch Hill trails and help serve the community.

Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Norm and voted unanimously by roll call to recommend the article with the following commentary:

The Commission recommends this CPC Article because it provides for improved access and connectivity to the existing walking trails on the adjacent Patch Hill conservation land. The proposed walking path and field improvements will also provide a welcome alternative to the reliance on Flerra Meadows and other Town properties to meet the growing demand for open recreational space.

Reip yes; Follett yes; Hanover yes; Schmitt yes; Stuart yes.

The Water Resources Committee is considering a small number of monitoring wells to test for water quantity and / or quality. No location has been determined.

At 8:17 PM, motion was made by Hoff, seconded by David, and voted unanimously by roll call to adjourn. Reip yes; Follett yes; Hanover yes; Schmitt yes; Stuart yes.

Documents used during this meeting:

Agenda

Draft Minutes Feb. 17, 2021

Correspondence

Community Preservation Fund Warrant Articles # 3 & 4

1414 Mass Ave Site Plan Approval Application