



TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

BOARD/COMMITTEE: Conservation Commission

MEETING DATE: May 19, 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 May 5, 2021

Invoice \$2, 301.25 Places Assoc. (1414 Mass Ave)

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)

Ongoing: 199 Middle Road EO

313 Mass Ave OOC compliance and COC status

498 Stow Road encroachment

1102 Massachusetts Ave. EO

650 & 674 Mass Ave – EO Status

Invasives Management

Calendar: June 2, 2021

June 16, 2021

Correspondence:

Join Zoom Meeting

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**TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Meeting Minutes**

Conservation Commission
May 5, 2021
7:30 PM
Zoom

Approved:

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

Members Absent: David Koonce

Also present: Andrew Gorman, Bill Murray, Jim Noonan, Andrew Krammen, Dave LaPointe and Reeves Briggs

At 7:34 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 Dave Follett and voted unanimously by roll call to approve the minutes of April 21, 2021. 5 – 0.

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

David Follett reviewed the drafted Order of Conditions 113-565 for the municipal project of sidewalk installation on Massachusetts Avenue from the Sargent Memorial Library to Liberty Square Road. Road runoff with the proposed work will be reduced. Pollution and particulate matter discharged to the wetland and stream will be reduced.

Motion was made by David Follett, seconded by Dennis and voted unanimously by roll call to approve and issue the Order, 5-0.

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

Correspondence:

NHESP letter informing Commission of a draft Priority Habitat map available for comments until July 3, 2021.

Members are urged to review and bring concerns to the next meeting.

Kristin O'Brien, SVT, email scheduling monitoring walk at Elizabeth Brook Knoll for Friday May 7th at 9:00 AM. Norm will try to attend.

Hearing Continuation:

Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD) DEP 113-564

Location: 595 Depot Road, Assessor's Map 10-011-000 and
615 Depot Road, Assessor's Map 10-012-000.

Applicant: Roger Kanniard, Kanniard Homes

Representative: Molly Obendorf, Stamski and McNary, Inc.

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The area has very shallow soils.

A revised plan has been submitted and Bill Murray from Places Associates has confirmed the accuracy of the flags and wetland resources areas.

Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Hoff and voted unanimously by roll call to close the hearing and issue the ORAD, 5 - 0.

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

8:15 Hearing: Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation at 1414 Mass Ave. (ANRAD) DEP 113-565.

The subject properties are located at 1414 & 1320 Massachusetts Avenue; 244A & 244B Adams Place; 984, 984A, 984B, 984C, 1451, 1497 & 1634 Hazard Lane; and 328 & 1451 Rear Hazard Lane and are known as Assessor's Parcels 12-027, 12-028, 12-030, 13-004, 13-022, 17-005, 17-009, 17-010, 17-022, 17-023, 17-024, 17-025 and 18-001.

Applicant: LPCH Boxborough LP

Representative: David LaPointe, Beals & Thomas, Inc.

Also Present: Jim Noonan, LPCH, Dave LaPointe and Bill Murray, Places Associates

Bill Murray reported on his site visit on April 27, 2021 with Andrew Gorman, Beals & Thomas, Inc.

The stream in question was found by both the DEP and Bill Murray to be intermittent.

Murray requested that the applicant seek certification of the Vernal Pool that contains obligate wetland species. (The wetland areas near Adams Place and Rt 111 on the 1414 Mass Ave property do not have obligate species and therefore do not contain Vernal Pools.)

Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Dave Follett and voted unanimously by roll call to close the hearing and issue the ORAD, 5 - 0.

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

Other items:

674 Massachusetts Ave Enforcement Order. Dennis contacted the owner about the need to file a Notice of Intent.

199 Middle Road has been rescheduled.

At 8:20 PM, motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Dave Follett, and voted unanimously by roll call vote, 5 – 0 to adjourn. Reip yes; Follett yes; Hanover yes; Schmitt yes; Stuart yes.

Documents used during this meeting:

Agenda

Draft Minutes April 21, 2021

Correspondence

Order of Conditions 113-565

1414 Mass Ave ANRAD & associated documents

595 & 615 Depot Rd draft ORAD



PLACES Associates, Inc.

256 Great Road, Suite 4
Littleton, MA 01460

INVOICE

BILL TO

**Mary Nadwairski
Town of Boxborough CC
29 Middle Rd.
Boxborough, MA 01719**

PROJECT NAME: Box CC- 1414 Mass Ave Vibalogics

INVOICE NUMBER	INVOICE DATE	PAYMENT DUE DATE	OUR PROJECT NO.	BALANCE DUE
5495C.01	May 06, 2021	Jun 05, 2021	5495C	\$2,301.25

Basic Services

<u>Date</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Extension</u>
<i>field</i>						
3/11/2021	WEM	Project Review	Walk wetlands lines	3.25	\$135.00	\$438.75
4/16/2021	WEM	Project Review	Review wetlands lines	3.50	\$135.00	\$472.50
4/27/2021	WEM	Project Review	Site walk to review wetlands and vernal pools	3.00	\$135.00	\$405.00
				field Total:	9.75	\$1,316.25
<i>Meeting-night</i>						
5/5/2021	WEM	Follow up Review	Night Meeting with Cons. Comm	1.00	\$175.00	\$175.00
				Meeting-night Total:	1.00	\$175.00
<i>office</i>						
2/23/2021	SC	Project Set-Up		0.50	\$135.00	\$67.50
4/26/2021	WEM	Project Review	Prep for site walk	1.00	\$135.00	\$135.00
4/27/2021	WEM	Project Review	Emails about work in buffer, etc.	0.50	\$135.00	\$67.50
4/28/2021	WEM	Project Review	Follow up on waddle placement around pond	0.50	\$135.00	\$67.50
5/4/2021	WEM	Project Review	Review Memo	3.25	\$135.00	\$438.75
5/5/2021	WEM	Follow up Review	prep for night meeting	0.25	\$135.00	\$33.75
				office Total:	6.00	\$810.00
				Basic Services Sub Total:	16.75	\$2,301.25

Invoice Total: \$2,301.25

Please make payments to Places Associates, Inc.. Late payments are subject to penalty fees.

Mary Nadwairski

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Sunday, May 16, 2021 3:10 PM
To: Mary Nadwairski
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Town Planner Contact Form

Town Planner Contact Form

Your Name	Kenneth Xu
Your Email Address	[REDACTED]
Who would you like to contact?	Mary Nadwairski, Department Assistant
Subject	Boy Scouts Eagle Project
Message	<p>Dear Mrs. Nadwairski,</p> <p>Hello, my name is Kenneth Xu. I'm a Boy Scout in Troop 1 Acton and I am currently looking for a possible Eagle Project. I was wondering whether there were any opportunities available in Boxborough. Please let me know by email ([REDACTED]) or phone ([REDACTED]) of any possible projects or if you need additional information.</p> <p>Thanks, Kenneth</p>

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Flerra and fast cars

10 messages

Kathy L <[redacted]> Mon, May 17, 2021 at 6:11 PM
To: "[redacted]", Megan Connor [redacted]

Hi Megan and Dennis,

Now that Boxborough TKD is using Flerra, I just wanted to pass along that I've noticed cars going very fast through the lot. It's mostly as they arrive and today it was parents running late to drop off young soccer players.

With cars parked all along the fence as well as on the opposite side, it's a very active place. Kids were struggling to cross with the cars flying through. I don't see any posting about speed there. It seems like 10MPH is appropriate since the road isn't paved and it's so busy, but people are clearly going substantially faster.

There have been a number of parking lots deaths (two weeks ago at Roche Bros, also Trader Joes and Westford Market Basket a few years ago). With so many young kids in the parking lot, I just wanted to bring my concern to your attention.

Best,
Kathy Luce

Megan Connor [redacted] Mon, May 17, 2021 at 6:15 PM
To: Kathy L [redacted]
Cc: [redacted], Ed Kukkula <ekukkula@boxborough-ma.gov>, Ryan Ferrara <rferrara@boxborough-ma.gov>, John Markiewicz <jmarkiewicz@boxborough-ma.gov>, [redacted]

Thank Kathy,
I appreciate this note very much! I am forwarding your concern over to DPW and our BoS liaisons and Ryan, our town administrator. Perhaps we can post a speed limit sign? Or a note about slowing down? Thanks.

Best,
Megan Connor, Chair
Boxborough Recreation Commission

On May 17, 2021, at 6:11 PM, Kathy L [redacted] wrote:

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Kathy L [redacted] Mon, May 17, 2021 at 6:34 PM
To: Megan Connor [redacted]
Cc: [redacted], Ed Kukkula <ekukkula@boxborough-ma.gov>, Ryan Ferrara <rferrara@boxborough-ma.gov>, John Markiewicz <jmarkiewicz@boxborough-ma.gov>, [redacted]

Thanks so much Megan! I'd love to see two signs, one as you turn in from Stow and another at the gate. Perhaps RecComm can also communicate the speed limit to ABYS and ABYB and tell them the speed limit must be communicated by coaches to teammates with Flerra field assignments.

There are also fairly inexpensive speed bumps that can be staked in the ground. We've used them on the Cape on a road very similar to Flerra. When snow plowing isn't a concern, they are easy to install and effective at slowing cars. Just a thought.

Kathy
[Quoted text hidden]

Megan Connor [REDACTED]

Mon, May 17, 2021 at 11:13 PM

To: Kathy L [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED], Ed Kukkula <ekukkula@boxborough-ma.gov>, Ryan Ferrara <rferrara@boxborough-ma.gov>, John Markiewicz <JMarkiewicz@boxborough-ma.gov>, [REDACTED]

I will communicate with ABYS and ABYB. Hoping the other members in town can help about signage and speed tables, etc.. Thanks for your note!

Best,
Megan

On May 17, 2021, at 6:34 PM, Kathy L <kathy_luce@hotmail.com> wrote:

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Dennis Reip [REDACTED]

Tue, May 18, 2021 at 7:11 AM

To: Megan Connor [REDACTED]

Cc: Kathy L [REDACTED], Ed Kukkula <ekukkula@boxborough-ma.gov>, Ryan Ferrara <rferrara@boxborough-ma.gov>, John Markiewicz <JMarkiewicz@boxborough-ma.gov>, Les Fox [REDACTED], wryder@boxborough-ma.gov

Hi Megan et al,

If the issues appear to be associated with the Rec field users, I encourage your direct communication with them to alert them to the safety concerns as the preferred way to solve this problem.
This approach has been successful in the past in dealing with a variety of user conflicts involving Conservation Land.

Please be aware that this is an access road and parking area in the middle of Conservation Land and needs to be considered as such.
We've managed to balance the interests of a variety of uses and users for over 40 years without the need for traditional regulatory devices, and sincerely hope that we can continue to do so.

I'm copying Chief Ryder on this issue as it relates to directly public safety and traffic enforcement.

Thanks,
Dennis

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Warren Ryder <wryder@boxborough-ma.gov>

Tue, May 18, 2021 at 7:52 AM

To: Dennis Reip [REDACTED]

Cc: Megan Connor [REDACTED], Kathy L [REDACTED], Edward Kukkula <ekukkula@boxborough-ma.gov>, Ryan Ferrara <rferrara@boxborough-ma.gov>, John Markiewicz <JMarkiewicz@boxborough-ma.gov>, Les Fox [REDACTED]

Received- I will have the patrols keep an eye on this.

Thank you for bringing it to our attention.

Chief Warren B. Ryder
Boxborough Police Department
978-264-1760

On May 18, 2021, at 7:12 AM, Dennis Reip [REDACTED]

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Megan Connor [REDACTED]

Tue, May 18, 2021 at 8:22 AM

To: Dennis Reip [REDACTED]

Cc: Kathy L [REDACTED], Ed Kukkula <ekukkula@boxborough-ma.gov>, Ryan Ferrara <rferrara@boxborough-ma.gov>, John Markiewicz <JMarkiewicz@boxborough-ma.gov>, Les Fox [REDACTED], wryder@boxborough-ma.gov

Thank you, Dennis. This is helpful. Rec comm will send a note to those who use the fields. Thanks.

Best,

Megan Connor, Chair
Boxborough recreation commission

On May 18, 2021, at 7:12 AM, Dennis Reip <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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Megan Connor <[REDACTED]> Tue, May 18, 2021 at 9:21 AM
To: Warren Ryder <wryder@boxborough-ma.gov>
Cc: Dennis Reip <[REDACTED]>, Kathy L <[REDACTED]>, Edward Kukkula <ekukkula@boxborough-ma.gov>, Ryan Ferrara <rferrara@boxborough-ma.gov>, John Markiewicz <JMarkiewicz@boxborough-ma.gov>, Les Fox <[REDACTED]>

Thanks Chief. In the meantime, I will send a note to ABYS and ABYB to relay to parents too. Really appreciate it!

Best,

Megan Connor, Chair
Boxborough recreation commission

On May 18, 2021, at 7:52 AM, Warren Ryder <wryder@boxborough-ma.gov> wrote:

Received- I will have the patrols keep an eye on this.
[Quoted text hidden]

Kathy L <[REDACTED]> Tue, May 18, 2021 at 10:27 AM
To: Megan Connor <[REDACTED]>, Warren Ryder <wryder@boxborough-ma.gov>
Cc: Dennis Reip <[REDACTED]>, Edward Kukkula <ekukkula@boxborough-ma.gov>, Ryan Ferrara <rferrara@boxborough-ma.gov>, John Markiewicz <JMarkiewicz@boxborough-ma.gov>, Les Fox <[REDACTED]>

Thanks all! I have the most concerns about safety when there is high usage and a lot of transition occurring, especially just before 530pm.

Flerra has clearly grown in popularity over the twelve years I've lived here, so offering some simple reminders of slowing down can keep it safe for everyone (including the dogs chasing balls near the parking area).

Best,

Kathy Luce

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