



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

Conservation Commission
January 20, 2021
7:00 PM
Zoom

Approved: Feb. 3, 2021

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

Members Absent: David Koonce

Also Present: Alex Weisheit, Kopelman & Paige

At 7:04 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.

In Open Session Dennis immediately moved to adjourn to conduct an Executive Session via a separate Zoom event, noting conducting such session in an open meeting might have a detrimental effect on the resolution of an Enforcement Order at 199 Middle Road, and to reconvene in Open Session to continue with the regular business on the agenda.

The motion was seconded by Hoff Stuart and voted unanimously.

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

At 7:35 PM the Commission reconvened in Open Session and continued with the business on the agenda.

Motion was made by Norm, seconded by Hoff and voted unanimously by roll call to approve the minutes of Jan. 6, 2021. Reip yes; Follett yes; Hanover yes; Schmitt yes; Stuart yes.

Owen Neville, Agricultural Commission Member, was present to update the Commission on the Flerra Meadows Community Garden and well. He reported that there were three participants this past year. There were some problems with the well; an improved well is to be drilled and equipped with a new hand pump in time for the upcoming growing season. There is a need for a better method for providing a fence around the garden to prevent animals from entering. Owen and the committee discussed some possibilities; Owen and the Agricultural Commission will investigate further. Dennis moved to allow the Community Garden at Flerra Meadows to continue in the coming season.

Norm seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

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

Dennis reviewed the draft Conservation Commission Town Report 2020. A note about the open seat on the Commission will be added.

Dennis reviewed the Building Inspector's letter dated January 12, 2021 to the property owners of 650 Massachusetts Avenue. The Commission discussed next steps. A Notice of Intent filing is required from the property owner to correct the issue described in the letter.

The Commission next meets on February 3, 2021.

At 8:53 PM, motion was made by Norm, seconded by Hoff, 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 Jan. 6, 2021

Correspondence

Draft Town Report