



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

Conservation Commission
February 1, 2023
7:30 PM
Grange Meeting Room, Town Hall

Approved: Feb. 15, 2023

Members Present: Sam Anderson, David Follett, David Koonce, Norm Hanover, Lucy Indge, and Steve Schmitt Member Absent: Liz Markiewicz

Also Present: Owen Neville

At 7:35 PM, Norm called the meeting to order.

Motion was made by David Follett, seconded by Steve and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of January 18, 2023.

Norm reviewed the Request for a Certificate of Compliance for the new bridge and boardwalk project connecting the trail between Blanchard School and the Sargent Memorial Library. Places Associates managed this project on behalf of the Town. Steve, as primary reviewer, will inspect the site and report at the next meeting.

Katie Dallimore, Eagle Scout candidate, presented her project to build and install 5 wooden nesting boxes for American Kestrels for Flerra Meadows.

Norm's posed questions about the logistics of building the boxes and Katie replied.

She also referred to the American Kestrel protocols and web sites.

David Follett suggested spreading the boxes across various parcels rather than just Flerra.

David Koonce asked is she could consider private property thinking the Krusen property might be a good choice. The Commission is in favor of the plan buy may want other locations. Katie will look into this and return to the Commission for final approval.

Notice of Intent Hearing continuation 113-575 Location: 100 Codman Hill Road

Assessor Parcel: 12-035-000 Owner: French Brothers Boxborough LLC.

Engineer / representative: Stamski and McNary

Project: construction of commercial trade shops

Norm reported that Paul Kirchner, Stamski & McNary, has requested a further continuation.

Motion made by Norm, seconded by David Koonce and voted unanimously to continue the hearing on March 1, 2023 at 8:00 pm.

The Commission discussed wildlife habitat improvements and the properties where that could be achieved. Birds and bird houses, brush piles, invasive plant removals and pond restorations were discussed. Members wondered who / where the bat boxes were made.

The Commission discussed invasive species removal, perhaps scheduling a removal day for residents to participate. The Commission also discussed vernal pools. Certified vernal pools are protected. The task would be to identify others, making sure trails stay clear of the vernal pools.

Discussion / Update: 95 & 105 Sargent Road

On Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023 at 7:30 PM, the Commission will have a joint meeting with the Agricultural Commission to discuss and resolve the MOU

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By email, Oxbow Associates provided a proposed Scope of Work for preparation of a Land Management Plan. This is a LAND grant requirement for reimbursement and is needed by the end of April. Liz had previously communicated with Oxbow, particularly about time constraint, and approved generation of the proposal.

Motion was made by David Koonce, seconded by Sam and voted unanimously to accept the proposal.

By email, the Zoning Board of Appeals has requested comments on the Application from Campanelli for a restaurant at 500 Beaver Brook Road. The 200-seat restaurant will replace the 525-seat cafeteria. The Town Planner noted this also meets criteria of Boxborough2030. Master Plan. All of the planned work is interior. The Commission has no comments.

By mail, the Commission received a donation to the Commission's Trust Fund from Isys Johnson.

At 8:45 PM, motion was made by David Follett, seconded by Steve and voted unanimously to adjourn.

Documents used during this meeting:

Agenda

Draft Minutes Jan. 18, 2023

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Draft Certificate of Compliance Hager Bridge

Draft MOU Sargent Rd