



## TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH Meeting Minutes

### **Boxborough Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes for February 8, 2022**

Approved on February 12, 2022

**Members Present:** Owen Neville, Chair; John Neyland, Vice Chair; Bryon Clemence; Kathie Becker (8:40 PM).

**Members Absent:** Sarah Murphy, Clerk

**Others Present:** Rita Grossman, Boxborough Conservation Trust; Tom Bieber, Boxborough Conservation Trust

The Agricultural Commission held its monthly meeting on February 8, 2022. The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:43 PM via Zoom.

**Review and Approve Minutes:** The Commission approved the minutes of December 14, 2021, as amended, by a roll call vote of 3 to 0 (moved by Neville, seconded by Clemence) and the minutes of January 18, 2022, as amended, by a roll call vote of 3 to 0 (moved by Clemence, seconded by Neyland).

**Public Participation:** See Others Present.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Community events.** Neville attended the meeting of the Steele Farm Advisory Committee on 1/26. They have not scheduled the cleanup or the tree pruning events yet. Neville will keep us posted.

**Zoning/solar energy systems/recodification.** On January 21, the Planning Board opened a hearing for solar energy amendments to the Zoning Bylaw, which it continued until February 14. Neville, Neyland, and Clemence presented some comments, but more work is needed. Bieber noted the possibility leaking equipment contaminating an aquifer. The Commission decided to schedule a meeting prior to February 14 to complete its review and comments.

**95-105 Sargent Road right of first refusal recommendation.** Neville reported on the Chapter 61 notice for two parcels on Sargent Road. Grossman noted possible procedural issues with the notice filed by the owner and suggested there's time to get this into the annual town meeting warrant. Several attendees expressed support for purchasing the land. There was discussion about which board would hold the land on behalf of the town, if purchased, and for what purposes. Grossman noted it had been cut in 2021, i.e. the owner actively managed it for forestry. The Commission decided to expand on its recommendation at its next meeting.

**List of documents and other exhibits.** Draft meeting minutes: December 14, 2021 and January 18, 2022; Review of Proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendments.

The Commission scheduled its next meeting for February 12, 2022 at 10:00 AM, at Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 PM by a roll call vote of 4 to 0 (moved by Neyland, seconded by Becker).

Respectfully submitted,  
Bryon Clemence, Member