



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

**BOARD/COMMITTEE:** Steele Farm Advisory Committee (SFAC)

**MEETING DATE:** March 30, 2022

**TIME:** 7:00 pm

**PLACE:** Video conference

**Members Present:** Arden Veley, Acting Chair; and members John Skinner and Melissa MacGillvray. **Members Absent:** Jeanne Kangas, Chair

**Other Attendees:** Owen Neville, Agricultural Commission; Chris Hydak, private citizen;

**Meeting was called to order at 7:11 PM by Acting chair, Arden Veley.** MacGillvray volunteered to serve as Clerk pro tem.

- 1) **SFAC Minutes:** Veley made a motion to accept the minutes from March 2, 2022; Skinner seconded; *Approved: 3-0 (roll call)*
- 2) **Painting the Icehouse:** Neville described the history of the structure and confirmed there is no lead paint to remove, so pricing should be minimal. Possibly painted by volunteers.
- 3) **Spring Fest:** on April 3 at Liberty Fields, SFAC decided not to host a table.
- 4) **Status of New Pine Woods Trail:** Trail was rough cut and is now ready for the High School senior volunteers on April 29, 2022. Students will be placed in groups for further clean up of the trails and placement of blue markers. Groups will be led by Tom Bieber, Boxborough Conservation Trust Treasurer, Veley and MacGillvray.
- 5) **Improvements to driveway of Steele Farm:** Skinner met with Josh Hasenfus of The Trustees of Reservations and Hydak. There is major erosion of the southeast corner from water. Hasenfus recommended hiring an engineering firm. Possibilities could be adding a lip to the road and/or redirecting water to the drain. Check with DPW on their responsibilities.
- 6) **Mowing:** Check with DPW on their responsibilities.
- 7) **Preservation of the farmhouse:** Ask the Select Board for permission to request CPA funds at Town Meeting in May to do work on the building envelope of the farmhouse. Skinner is still waiting on final estimates.

- 8) Restoration of Apple Trees:** Chris Green of Westward Orchards came and pruned apple trees with 12 of our volunteers. It lasted 5 hours, SFAC paid for 4 hours, the Ag Commission paid for 1 hour. Neville asked permission to burn the leftover pruning with approval of the Fire Department as soon as weather allows. Skinner made a motion to allow Neville to coordinate the burn; Veley seconded; *Approved: 3-0 (roll call)*
- 9) Old Business:** Three new sugar maple trees to shade the icehouse. Continue to the next meeting to discuss with Kangas. Fir trees to be purchased for next year in the Fall, tbd place of purchase.
- 10) New Business:** Have keys made for members in need; Request for Hydak to be put on the Select Board Agenda as a new member of the SFAC.
- 11) Adjourn:** At 8:17 PM Skinner made a motion to adjourn; MacGillvray seconded; *Approved: 3-0 (roll call)*