



TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH Meeting Minutes

Boxborough Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes for April 12, 2022 Approved on June 14, 2022

Members Present: Owen Neville, Chair; John Neyland, Vice Chair; Bryon Clemence, Acting Clerk; Kathie Becker.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Rita Grossman, Boxborough Conservation Trust (BCT) and Community Preservation Committee and Tom Bieber, BCT.

The Agricultural Commission held its monthly meeting on April 12, 2022. The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:43 PM at Town Hall, 29 Middle Road, Boxborough.

1. Review and Approve Minutes: The Commission approved the minutes of March 8, 2022, as amended, by a roll call vote of 4 to 0 (moved by Becker, seconded by Neville). (The meeting posted for March 29, 2022 wasn't held due to technical problems with Zoom.)

2. Public Participation: See Others Present.

3. Correspondence: Neville noted correspondence received concerning Freedom's Way. Neyland noted correspondence received from Minute Man Air Field concerning pumpkin farmers; Neyland to forward and follow up with farmers and Conservation Commission.

4. Vacancy Update. One possible candidate is interested, one is not, and one has moved out of town.

5. Community events. Neville summarized the trimming of apple trees at Steele Farm by Westward Orchard on March 26, 2022, and he provided an update on the community gardens. Becker suggested funding for fertilizer.

6. Town Meeting warrant articles – recommendations. The Commission took the following actions on the Town Meeting articles:

Article 18, Community Preservation Fund—CPC Report and Establish FY23 Reserves. The Commission took no action.

Article 23, Community Preservation Fund—Open Space (Including Recreation)—Land Acquisition Sargent Road. Voted to recommend by a roll call vote of 3 to 0, with one abstention (moved by Becker, seconded by Neyland)

Article 33, Zoning Bylaw Amendment: Solar Energy Systems—Small-Scale Ground-Mounted and Roof-Mounted Bylaw. Voted to not recommend by a roll call vote of 4 to 0 (moved by Neyland, seconded by Becker)

Article 34, Zoning Bylaw Amendment: Solar Energy Systems—Medium and Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Bylaw. Voted to not recommend by a roll call vote of 4 to 0 (moved by Neville, seconded by Neyland)

List of documents and other exhibits. Draft meeting minutes for March 8, 2022; flyer for Freedom's Way Heritage Area; four Town Meeting articles.

The Commission scheduled its next meeting for May 17, 2022 at 7:30 PM, at Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 9:51 PM by a roll call vote of 4 to 0 (moved by Neyland, seconded by Becker).

Respectfully submitted,
Bryon Clemence, Member