



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

BOARD/COMMITTEE: Steel Farm Advisory Committee

MEETING DATE: April 27, 2023

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: Boxborough Historical Society Museum, 575 Middle Road, Boxborough, MA

Members Present: Arden Veley (Chair), Christopher Hydak (Clerk), Melissa MacGillvray, John Skinner

Non-Members Present: Owen Neville

1. Approve minutes of April 13th: Melissa made a motion to delay approving the April 13th meeting minutes until the next meeting as not everybody had read them thoroughly. John seconded the motion.. All in favor. Motion passed.
2. We discussed the second draft of the town presentation.
3. We discussed potential 3-minute talking points for some people at the town meeting. We have a few people that might get up and talk.
4. Planned work day on May 11th.
 - a. Arden will bring a saw to cut the old xmas tree stumps to the base. Christopher wants to help
 - b. Liz will take 2 volunteers to the community garden
 - i. Arden made a motion to set aside not more than \$100 for purchasing new plants for the pollinator garden. John seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.
5. Old Business.
 - a. Ice House:
 - i. John and Arden will meet with Susan at 3pm on Sunday May 7th to look at the ice house.
 - ii. Arden will ask Kate, the BHSI vice-president, for access to the funds donated for Jeanne which the BHSI is holding. We anticipate needing some money to repair the ice house.
 - iii. We have plenty of siding shingles in the barn, but we will definitely need roofing shingles, which should be red
 - iv. The lifting beam has been exposed to the weather and might need to be replaced or preserved
 - b. The well:
 - i. Owen hasn't gotten back to Clifton yet.
 - ii. The red pump Jeanne donated has leather, which needs to be replaced because it doesn't last long.
 - iii. Owen recommends we purchase a new pump that will last.
 - c. Walk grounds with DPW:
 - i. Some ideas for what to ask the DPW to do include:

1. Removing the tree stump around the barn foundation. It/s causing some foundation issues
 2. Remove or trim the tree over the pind. We'd like to have that for ice skaters in the winter
 3. Arden will walk the property with the DPW and come up with more required items for them to do
 4. Christopher asked Arden to keep track of all requests throughout the year to make sure we're getting the service we need out of them.
- d. Article in Acton Unlimited:
- i. John Fallon will attempt to get an article about the SFAC photo exhibit which was taken a few years back.
6. New Business:
- a. Arden made a motion to purchase 30 boxes of doggy backs (6000 bags) up to \$240. Christopher seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.
 - b. Health of the two sugar maples and the two trees by the parking lot.
 - i. When John and Arden look at the ice house on Sunday, they will assess the health of these trees.
 - c. Arden asked, and was granted, permission for a table for the town meeting. Christopher volunteered to staff it
7. Next Meeting Date: The SFAC will meet next on May18th 2023 at 7pm at the Museum
8. Adjournment: Christopher proposed adjournment, and it was seconded by Arden. All in favor. The motion passed.