



TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH
Meeting Minutes

**Boxborough Agricultural Commission
Meeting Minutes May 4, 2021**

Approved on June 8, 2021

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

Members Absent: Sarah Murphy, Clerk

Also in attendance: None.

The Agricultural Commission held its monthly meeting on May 4, 2021. The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:41 PM on Zoom.

Review and Approve Minutes: The Commission approved the meeting minutes from April 13, 2021 by a roll call vote of 4-0 (moved by Clemence and seconded by Neyland). Neville to check if minutes must be listed under documents used at the meeting

Public Participation: None.

Public Input, Emails, and Correspondence: See Zoning below.

Community Gardens and Wells: Neville reported that the well at Flerra Field will use less than half of the funding approved under the Community Preservation Act (CPA). The remainder will be returned to the CPA open space fund. He also provided details of the hand pump to be installed.

Master Plan: Clemence will submit the update approved by the Commission at its April meeting.

Zoning: Clemence and Mark Barbadoro of the Planning Board discussed conservation restrictions, Agricultural Preservation Restrictions, and the proposed solar amendment to the Zoning Bylaw. Neville noted that the amendment doesn't allow solar installations on protected land. Clemence to check on the two-year town meeting requirement.

Agricultural License: Neville filled in license form and returned it to the prospective tenant and Conservation Commission. Neyland noted that the Conservation Commission was more interested in a benefit to the land than the revenue produced.

Discuss further encouraging and sustaining efforts: Neville met with the farmer haying Margaret Delano's fields. Someone commented on Barteau Lane tree cutting (as noted in minutes of the Conservation Commission). There may be a preservation opportunity for farmland on Middle Road.

Additional Discussion/Updates: None

List of Documents and Other Exhibits: Draft Minutes for April 13, 2021.

Next month's meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2021 at 7:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM by a roll call vote of 4-0 (moved by Neyland, seconded by Becker).

Respectfully submitted,
Bryon Clemence, Member