



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

Conservation Commission
May 18, 2022
7:30 PM
Town Hall

Approved: June 1, 2022

Members Present: Dennis Reip (Chair), Dave Follett (7:41 PM), David Koonce, Norm Hanover, Liz Markiewicz, Steve Schmitt and Hoff Stuart

At 7:33 PM, Dennis called the meeting to order.

Motion was made by Steve, seconded by Dennis and voted unanimously with 1 abstention to approve the minutes of May 4, 2022.

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Zoning Board of Appeals Request for comments 179 Burroughs Road. The Commission has no jurisdiction and no comments.

By email Penny McCabe and her Grade Two Blanchard Students expressed their concerns about the water levels in the pond behind the school. The water level in the pond area adjacent to the school varies based on the conditions at the sluiceway in the dam located downstream of the pond and immediately upstream of the Garabedian bridge.

This sluiceway has a history of getting clogged with debris that raises the water level and the debris either clears itself naturally or is removed by the DPW.

Last fall the water level was rising again during the construction of the new footbridge behind the school. The debris was removed to lower the water level and ease construction, but it now appears that the water level is unusually low. It is possible that in addition to the accumulated debris, some of the water level control boards in the sluiceway were also removed or naturally dislodged.

Commission members will make a site visit to observe the conditions in the pond and at the sluiceway and to determine the "normal" water elevation. There may be a need to install some replacement control boards to reestablish the "normal" water elevation.

Dennis will reply.

Discussion / Update: 95 and 105 Sargent Road Phyllis Campbell Right of First Refusal (RoFR)
Dennis reported on the warrant article at Annual Town Meeting last week and the positive vote to purchase the properties. The first appraisal has begun. The ad hoc committee will reconvene and decide next steps.

Discussion: Parking at Trail Heads

Patch Hill parking modifications by the Department of Public Works are complete.

Proposed parking along Littlefield Road will be the subject of a Planning Board hearing in the near future.

Discussion: Priority Parcels for Open Space and Recreation Plan Update

This topic is on hold.

The beaver dam near Mass Ave. is a possible concern. Dennis will draft an educational letter to the owner of 408 Mass Ave.

Norm will work on maps for Patch Hill trails' kiosks.

At the next meeting the hearing for the RDA at 432 Stow Road will take place at 8:00 PM.

At 9:13 PM, motion was made by Norm, seconded by David Follett and voted unanimously to adjourn.

Documents used during this meeting:

Agenda

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