



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

Conservation Commission
May 19, 2021
7:30 PM
Zoom

Approved: June 16, 2021

Members Present: Dennis Reip (Chair), Dave Follett, Norm Hanover, Steve Schmitt, and Hoff Stuart

Members Absent: David Koonce

At 7:33 PM, Dennis called the meeting to order and noted this meeting is being conducted via Remote Participation, pursuant to Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of COVID-19 a.k.a. the Coronavirus.

Motion was made by David, seconded by Hoff and voted unanimously by roll call to approve the minutes of May 5, 2021.

Reip yes; Follett yes; Hanover yes; Schmitt yes; Stuart yes.

Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Hoff and voted unanimously by roll call to approve the payment of \$2, 301.25 to Places for work related to 1414 Massachusetts Avenue.

Reip yes; Follett yes; Hanover yes; Schmitt yes; Stuart yes.

Correspondence:

Email inquiry about possible Eagle Scout projects. Hoff suggested a maintenance project for the entrance path to the Boxborough Esker. Permission for this work would need to be obtained from the owner or responsible organization. Norm suggested a project to repair or build a small bridge over a stream on a path at Have Not Pond.

Chairman's Report

Dennis reported on communications and concerns about traffic and speeding in the parking lot at Flerra Meadow. The issue was referred to Police Chief Ryder with a recommendation to the Recreation Commission to advise users Acton Boxborough Youth Soccer and Acton Boxborough Youth Baseball of the concern.

Ongoing:

Dennis reported on the status of the 650-674 Massachusetts Ave Enforcement Order. The owner has not responded yet. Dennis will send another message. If there is no response, he will request that Town Counsel send a letter.

Land Stewardship Committee:

Norm reported on updated trail markers at Have Not Pond and noted the growth of poison ivy. Options for managing poison ivy on these trails were discussed. Dennis will ask Scott for a cost estimate.

Norm attended the Conservation Restriction monitoring site walk at Elizabeth Brook Knoll with the Boxborough Conservation Trust and Sudbury Valley Trustees on Friday, May 7, 2021. Norm reported that there were no significant issues, but some concerns with some “spill over” trash and knot weed along the border with the abutting property.

Dennis noted that there are some fallen trees blocking paths at Heath Hen Meadow.

At 8:30 PM, motion was made by Norm, seconded by Hoff, and voted unanimously by roll call to adjourn. Reip yes; Follett yes; Hanover yes; Schmitt yes; Stuart yes.

Documents used during this meeting:

Agenda

Draft Minutes May 5, 2021

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