



**Boxborough Agricultural Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
June 8, 2021**

Approved on August 10, 2021

**Members Present:** Owen Neville, Chair; Sarah Murphy, Clerk; Bryon Clemence; Kathie Becker; John Neyland, Vice Chair – joined 7:45pm

**Members Absent:** None

The Agricultural Commission held its monthly meeting on June 8, 2021. The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM on Zoom.

**Review and Approve Minutes:** The Commission approved the meeting minutes, as amended (4-0 via roll call vote) from May 4, 2021 (moved by Becker and seconded by Murphy).

**Public Participation:** none

**Public Input, Emails, and Correspondence:** Les Fox forwarded an announcement to Neyland about the Baker Administration proclamation of 'General Aviation Appreciation Month' that will be celebrated on June 25th, at Minuteman Airfield.

**Community Preservation Committee:** Neyland's term, as our representative will end and Neville moved to nominate him for another term. Clemence seconded. Motion passed 5-0 via roll call.

**Community Gardens and Well:** Both community gardens are running smoothly. Neville oversaw the installation of the new pump at Flerra Meadow Garden and Clemence and Les Fox assisted. Total cost of the project was \$7369.49.

The FreeBee Market will be held two times in June. Heather Fleming was given seed potatoes. She plans to plant them to grow potatoes to donate to the FreeBee Market or the food pantry. Neyland moved to allow the potatoes to be planted in the empty garden plots at Flerra Gardens. Becker seconded the motion. The motion was passed 5-0 via roll call. Neville will ask the DPW not to mow the area where the potatoes will be planted.

**Master Plan:** The Planning Board will hold off on the Master Plan update until they are ready to gather similar material from the other town boards.

**Zoning:** The solar bylaw will come before town meeting this Saturday, June 12.

There may be a change to the 61A acreage requirement. If that change is made on the state level the wording in local bylaws will need to be changed.

**Agricultural License:** Morrison has withdrawn his interest in securing an agricultural license due to the town's requirement for insurance. Neville is reaching out to other potential

licensees. Clemence suggested a new licensee might be found through New Entry Sustainable Farming or emasscraft listserv.

***Land That May Become Available:*** Neville reports that there may be a land preservation opportunity on Middle Road. Neyland will talk with the land owners.

***Discuss further encouraging and sustaining efforts:*** Neville noticed recently that some portion of Cloudland farm land has been tilled. Neyland will reach out for an update on their progress for returning the land to farming.

Max Porten has begun haying Margaret Delano's hay field.

***Additional Discussion/Updates:*** None

**List of Documents and Other Exhibits:** Photographs of the new Flerra Meadow pump (via screen sharing by Clemence).

Next month's meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2021 at 7:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 PM (moved by Murphy, seconded by Neyland) 5-0 by roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Murphy, Clerk