



TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING Meeting Minutes

Conservation Commission
August 4, 2021
7:30 PM
Grange Hall, Boxborough Town Hall, 29 Middle Road

Approved: Aug. 19, 2021

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

Members Absent: Dave Follett and Liz Markiewicz

Also Present: Owen Neville, Agricultural Commission

At 7:32 PM, Dennis called the meeting to order.

Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Hoff and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of July 21, 2021, as amended.

Land Stewardship – New “Paddock Trail”

Owen Neville thanked Norm for his work on the sign for the new trail that connects Paddock Estates with Hill Road, and recommended the Commission report to the Ag Com if there are any concerns with the trail as currently established as part of the agricultural use parcel. The need to have this trail added to the online trail maps was identified. He also reported that the well installed at Flerra Meadows Community Gardens and paid for with CPA funds is complete, fully functioning, and cost less than estimated.

Chair Report

Dennis reported that poison ivy treatment by Oxbow Associates on the Whitcomb Road trail head will proceed this weekend.

Invasives Management

David Koonce discussed invasives management on the Boxborough Conservation Trust’s properties and the relationship between the Trust and the Commission. David will solicit a proposal for an invasives management plan from Scott Smyers, Oxbow Associates for the areas of concern in the Hager Meadow and Flagg Hill parcels.

Status of Enforcement and Compliance Concerns

313 Massachusetts Avenue, DEP 113-519

The Commission discussed Places Associates review and comments regarding the Request for Certificate of Compliance and As Built Plan submitted by the owner. Sue Carter, Places Associates, provided comments and recommendations regarding the “as built” drawing. She also noted that the

GIS map may not be entirely accurate. The Owners and / or their engineer need to respond to the Places comments.

199 Middle Road Dennis provided an update on the court action.

1178 Hill Road regarding some incursions into the Buffer Zone, the Commission decided on Nov. 6, 2019 to allow the swing set to remain.

650 / 674 Massachusetts Avenue waiting for a Notice of Intent filing.

At 8:55 PM, motion was made by Norm, seconded by Hoff, and voted unanimously to adjourn.

Documents used during this meeting:

Agenda

Draft Minutes July 21, 2021