



## TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH Meeting Minutes

### **Boxborough Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes for August 15, 2023** Approved on September 26, 2023

The Agricultural Commission held its monthly meeting on August 15, 2023. The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM in the Morse-Hilberg rooms at Town Hall, 29 Middle Road, Boxborough.

**Members present:** Owen Neville, Chair; Kathie Becker, Vice-Chair; Bryon Clemence, Clerk; Margaret Delano; John Neyland (8:04 PM).

**Members absent:** None.

**Others present:** None.

**1. Review and approve minutes:** The Commission approved the minutes of July 18, 2023, as amended, by a vote of 4 to 0 (moved by Becker, seconded by Delano).

**2. Public participation:** John Fallon, Boxborough News.

**3. Correspondence.** Discussed under item 4 below.

**4. The Park at Beaver Brook Survey.** The survey is due on September 15. Neville suggested preserving the two lots at the north end of Beaver Brook Road for agriculture. Members should bring their ideas to the next meeting.

**5. Local agricultural developments.** Neville reported that a local family has started a herd of Aberdeen cattle, and that the prospective buyers of a local horse farm do not plan to keep horses. Check OSRP for Krusen acreage.

**6. Community/Middlesex Conservation District (MCD) events.** Clemence had asked whether the Commission should try to amend the tree protection bylaw at Fall Town Meeting; Neville noted that the Attorney General had not approved the bylaw yet, and it may be best to wait.

**7. 95/105 Sargent Road.** Neville reported that Dave Barnett, the Land Steward Chair, was looking for people interested in trail clearing. Clemence reported one resident expressing support for logging the parcels. Becker provided an example of signage with history at a national park in Vermont. Neville said he had met twice with the previous owner and planned to discuss the history of the property with her again, including the questions provided previously by Delano.

**8. Invasive species.** The Commission reviewed copies of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the SUASCO Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area, dated 11/12/2009. Twenty-three towns, agencies, and private conservation organizations participate. Neville said he had called Kristen O'Brien of the Sudbury Valley Trustees (SVT). He will check whether the Commission can sign the MOU and alert the Chair of the Boxborough Conservation Commission.

**9. Next meeting date.** The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 7:30 PM, at Town Hall.

**10. Adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM by a vote of 5 to 0 (moved by Neyland, seconded by Delano).

**List of documents and other exhibits.** Draft minutes for July 18; survey form for The Park at Beaver Brook; SUASCO Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area MOU.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bryon Clemence, Clerk