



TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH Meeting Minutes

Boxborough Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes for August 16, 2022

Approved on September 27, 2022

The Agricultural Commission held its monthly meeting on August 16, 2022. The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM in the Morse-Hilberg Room at Town Hall, 29 Middle Road, Boxborough.

Members Present: Owen Neville, Chair; Bryon Clemence, Acting Clerk; Kathie Becker; Margaret Delano; John Neyland (late)

Members Absent: None

Others Present: None

1. Review and Approve Minutes: The Commission approved the minutes of July 19, 2022, as amended, by a vote of 5 to 0 (moved by Delano, seconded by Becker).

2. Public Participation: None

3. Correspondence: Members noted communication regarding funding for Steele Farm repairs, 1414 Mass. Ave., MDAR newsletter, Chapter 61A, invasive species, Sargent Road. Clemence noted that comments on minutes must be submitted during a public meeting; open meeting law does not permit comments to the clerk or chair.

4. Reorganization. The Commission elected Neville, Chair; Becker, Vice-chair; and Clemence, Clerk, by a vote of 5 to 0 (moved by Neyland, seconded by Delano).

5. Community events. The Commission discussed the Free Bee market The Harvest Fair is 9/10, in conjunction with the Free Bee market. Becker asked about opportunities for young people to connect with agriculture.

6. 95/105 Sargent Road. Neville reported on an invitation to the Conservation Commission meeting, in person, on 8/17 at approximately 7:45 PM. One issue is having a single point of contact for the conservation restriction (CR), the restriction holder's preference. The CR would precede a memorandum of understanding between the Conservation Commission and the Agricultural Commission. A Concord forester prepared the previous forestry management plans.

7. New Management at Paddock Estates. Neville met with the Lincoln property manager. Lincoln mows a portion of the trail easement. Options for trail maintenance include the town's trail managers, high school work volunteers, and Lincoln itself, for the benefit of the residents.

8. Open Space and Recreation Plan. The Planning Board is meeting on 8/29 to review the draft plan. The previous plan expired at the end of August (but apparently was good enough for the Sargent Road Land Acquisition for Natural Diversity Program application).

List of documents and other exhibits. Draft meeting minutes for July 16, 2022; draft inventory of open space.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2022 at 7:30 PM, at Town Hall. Subsequent meetings in 2022 for are scheduled for October 18, November 15, and December 13.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM by a vote of 5 to 0 (moved by Neyland, seconded by Becker).

Respectfully submitted,
Bryon Clemence, Clerk