



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

Conservation Commission
August 16, 2023
7:30 PM
Grange Meeting Room, Town Hall

Approved: Sept. 20, 2023

Members Present: Sam Anderson, Lucy Indge, David Koonce, Liz Markiewicz, and Steve Schmitt

Also Present;

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

Motion was made by Steve Schmitt, seconded by Liz Markiewicz and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of August 2, 2023.

Correspondence

Marty Wright, Astro Crane, emailed an update regarding his efforts to get an as built plan at 200 Codman Hill Road.

The MBTA replied by email to the Commission's notification of wattles in the wetlands.

Heather and Karl Malakian, 184 Littlefield Road, emailed their concerns about the Sargent Road parcel trail head abutting their property. The Commission will work with them to ensure everyone's best interests and will notify them when the trail work begins.

Anastasia Brunner emailed regarding her Scout project.

As requested in an email from the Town Planner to all boards and commissions, the Commission discussed The Park at Beaver Brook and filled out the Public Engagement Survey.

Motion was made by Sam Anderson, seconded by Lucy Indge and voted unanimously to submit the Commission's replies.

Sudbury Valley Trustees' Weed Warrior program.

Sam Anderson reviewed the Town Planner's comments. The Commission discussed joining the Sudbury, Assabet and Concord Rivers (SuAsCo) watershed Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA), a group committed to controlling invasive species within the watershed. The CISMA group engages participants in a collaborative effort to share knowledge, expertise and resources as well as to coordinate invasive species management activities within the watershed. Joining allows the Commission to apply for grant funding.

The structure of the CISMA is detailed in the SUASCO CISMA Memorandum of Understanding. The Commission discussed the level of membership.

Motion was made by Liz Markiewicz, seconded by David Koonce and voted unanimously to join and allow Sam Anderson to sign an MOU on behalf of the Commission.

Continuation Notice of Intent Hearing 113-575

Location: **100 Codman Hill Road** Assessor Parcel: 12-035-000

Owner: Mike French, French Brothers Boxborough LLC.

Engineer / representative: Paul Kirchner, Stamski and McNary, Inc.

Dave Crossman B & C Associates

Project: construction of commercial trade shops

Reviewer: David Koonce

By email Paul Kirchner submitted revised plans on Aug. 15, 2023.

He was present and reviewed those plans with the proposed turtle nesting area and the location for tree removal, replacing with a conservation seed mix of natives. The barrier wall material and size are being discussed, with a plan to have a condition noted for specifics. An invasive species removal plan will be submitted by David Crossman.

Motion made by Sam Anderson, seconded by David Koonce and voted unanimously to continue the hearing on Sept. 20, 2023 at 8:00 PM.

Committee Reports:

Chair's Report

Sam Anderson updated the Commission on communications with the Mikhlin's at 199 Middle Road and noted that Kristin Hilberg is the Select Board liaison to the Commission.

Land Stewardship Committee

Lucy Indge and Liz Markiewicz reported on the walk with Dave Barnett, LanSCom coordinator, at 105 Sargent Road. Trail work will begin after Labor Day. The Department of Public Works will help with mowing the entrance and volunteers will do the rest.

Lucy Indge informed the Commission that the "Boxborough News" is interested in updates from the Commission.

At 8:49 PM motion was made by Liz Markiewicz, seconded by Sam Anderson and voted unanimously to adjourn.

Documents used during this meeting:

Agenda

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Correspondence as listed

100 Codman Hill Road docs