



TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH Meeting Minutes

Boxborough Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes for September 27, 2022

Approved on October 18, 2022

Call to order at 7:35 PM by Chair Neville in the Morse-Hilberg Room of Town Hall, 29 Middle Road.

Members Present: Owen Neville, Chair; Kathie Becker, Vice-Chair; Margaret Delano; John Neyland

Members Absent: Bryon Clemence, Clerk

Others Present: None

1. Review and Approve Minutes: On a motion by Becker, seconded by Delano, the minutes of August 16, 2022 were approved (4-0) as amended.

2. Public Participation: None

3. Correspondence: Emails from Jeanne Kangas dated 8/16/22 and 9/25/22 concerning the Steele Farm house (discussed below).

4. 95/105 Sargent Road. The Land Acquisition for Natural Diversity Program (LAND) grant has been awarded subject to a number of procedural items with definite deadlines.

5. Open Space and Recreation Plan. The presentation at a Planning Board meeting is now scheduled for October 3rd.

6. Steele Farm. The Steele Farm Advisory Committee seeks support for work on house: After discussion, on a motion by Becker, seconded by Neyland, it was voted (3-1) to recommend Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding for "Phase II" work on the "1784 Levi Wetherbee/Steele Farmhouse."

7. Invasive Species. Recent area sightings of the spotted lanternfly have been noted. They are a serious problem for fruits and other vegetation. This led to a further discussion of other invasives, both plant and animal. First action item is to publicize the lanternfly threat on our web site. Future actions may include other public outreach and education efforts.

List of documents and other exhibits. Draft meeting minutes of August 16, 2022; emails from J. Kangas as noted above; and Ag. Com. flyer dated Sept. 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM on a motion by Neyland, seconded by Delano (4-0).