



TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH Meeting Minutes

Boxborough Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes for October 18, 2022

Approved on November 22, 2022

The Agricultural Commission held its monthly meeting on October 18, 2022. The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM in the Morse-Hilberg Room at Town Hall, 29 Middle Road, Boxborough.

Members Present: Owen Neville, Chair; Kathie Becker, Vice-Chair; Bryon Clemence, Clerk; Margaret Delano; John Neyland (arrived 8:08 PM)

Members Absent: None

Others Present: None

1. Review and Approve Minutes: The Commission approved the minutes of September 27, 2022, as amended, by a vote of 4 to 0 (moved by Clemence, seconded by Becker).

2. Public Participation: None

3. Correspondence: None

4. Community events. The Grange invited the Agricultural Commission to participate in its talk on gardening, scheduled for 2/10/2023. The Commission discussed ways to publicize the event. It also discussed possible follow up to the apple tree pruning at Steele Farm and noted trees at other locations.

5. 95/105 Sargent Road. The Commission signed the Land Acquisition for Natural Diversity Program (LAND) Project Agreement, per a vote of 5 to 0 (moved by Neville, seconded by Neyland), while noting discrepancies in its listing of responsible parties. Conservation Commission is the other signatory; they meet on October 19.

6. Open Space and Recreation Plan. The Planning Board met on October 3. There is information on the webpage, but no link to plan itself. Neville will try to locate the latest version. The plan must be accepted by the Planning Board and Select Board; Town Meeting is not involved.

7. Invasive Species. Becker recommended alerting people to Spotted Lantern Fly and need to coordinate. Neyland noted there are plant *and* animal invasives and reported on Asian Longhorn Beetle in Worcester.

List of documents and other exhibits. Draft meeting minutes for September 27, 2022; Land Acquisition for Natural Diversity Program (LAND) Project Agreement.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM by a vote of 5 to 0 (moved by Neville, seconded by Neyland).

Respectfully submitted,
Bryon Clemence, Clerk