



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

Conservation Commission
Nov. 1, 2023
7:30 PM
Grange Meeting Room, Town Hall

Approved: Nov. 15, 2023

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

At 7:32 PM, Sam Anderson called the open meeting to order and noted all members were present.

Motion was made by Liz Markiewicz, seconded by Lucy Indge and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of October 18, 2023.

Correspondence

By email Judith Schmitz, Department of Environmental Protection, replied to an administrative email and informed Tess Paganelli, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, of issues with erosion along the rail road, requesting photos. Tess Paganelli replied she would investigate the matter this weekend.

By email Marty Wright updated the Commission on the survey plan for 200 Codman Hill Road, Astro Crane.

By email the Zoning Board of Appeals requested comments on a Special Permit from Campanelli for new signage at The Park, the former Cisco property. The Commission has no comments.

By email the Zoning Board of Appeals requested comments on a Special Permit and Variance at 140 Davidson Road. As requested Sam Anderson read a letter to the Commission from Town Planner, Alec Wade. The variance is for an accessory structure in the front yard of the property, a location not allowed by the Zoning Bylaw. The Commission will open a Notice of Intent hearing for this location on Nov. 15 2023.

Pursuant to the Town Planner's request, the Commission voted unanimously to ask the Zoning Board of Appeals to continue their hearing until after the scheduled NOI hearing.

Notice of Intent Hearing 113-584

Location: 555 Old Harvard Road Assessor Parcel: 18-006-000

Owner: Michael Dzineku, Laud Livingstone Properties, LLC.

Engineer / representative: Seth Donohoe & Greg Roy, Dillis & Roy Civil Design Group, Inc.

Project: crushed stone driveway

Reviewer: Steve Schmitt.

Steve Schmitt reopened the hearing and reviewed a draft Order of Conditions. He reviewed some key elements including the removal of existing pavement and implementation of a restoration area. Conditions 57 thru 60 were added to describe the restoration area management.

Motion was made by Steve Schmitt, seconded by Liz Markiewicz and voted unanimously to close the hearing and issue the Order of Conditions as drafted.

Hearing Amend Order of Conditions 113-582
Location: 31 Eldridge Road Assessor Parcel: 18-016-000
Owner/Applicant: Michael and Patricia Yen Gayowski
Engineer / representative: Jim Basile, Goldsmith, Prest and Ringwall
Project: installation of a fence
Reviewer: Lucy Indge

Lucy Indge reopened the hearing and reviewed a draft Order of Conditions.

Mike Gayowski, the Applicant, provided some background on the storm that resulted in the tree damage. His requested an Amendment to the issued Order of Conditions for the installation of a fence.

Motion was made by Liz Markiewicz, seconded by Lucy Indge and voted unanimously to close the hearing and issue the Amended Order of Conditions as drafted.

Hearing Continuation Notice of Intent DEP 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

Alec Wade, Town Planner, Paul Kirchner, and David and Mike French joined via Zoom. The Commission continued with a hybrid meeting. Sam Anderson did a roll call of Commissioners and all votes were done by roll call. Sam Anderson gave some background on the project, specifically the turtle nesting area. Oxbow agreed to review the plan. Sam Anderson explained why it was important to clarify the delineation of the riverfront boundary.

Motion was made by Sam Anderson, seconded by Liz Markiewicz and voted by roll call to accept the wetland delineation plan of Places Associates, consultants to the Commission. Anderson – aye; Indge – aye; Markiewicz – aye; Schmitt - aye; Koonce – nay.

David Koonce noted that a turtle nesting area can still be incorporated in the plan.

Motion was made by Sam Anderson, seconded by Lucy Indge and voted unanimously to continue the hearing on November 15, 2023 at 8:15 PM.

REPORTS

Chair's Report (Anderson)

Sam Anderson undated the Commission on efforts regarding the Hager Bridge, the dam, and trail condition. Alec Wade has asked Places Associates to look at a movable weir / structure behind Blanchard School to better control the water level without flooding. He will be involving the Commission.

A Notice of Intent is expected for a new playground at Blanchard School.

95 & 105 Sargent Road

Sam Anderson spoke with Owen Neville, Agricultural Commission, regarding the Planning Board Stone Wall Application for the break in the wall for the new trail on Littlefield Road. Owen Neville agreed and will add this to the agenda for the next Agricultural Commission meeting.

David Koonce pointed out that the boundary with the Malakian's needs to be defined with plantings. He has also started scoping out a connection to Rolling Meadows.

Tom Bieber requested a sign warning of bears but the Commission felt a note on the website would suffice.

At 9:11 PM motion was made by Sam Anderson, seconded by Steve Schmitt and voted unanimously to adjourn.

Documents used during this meeting:

Agenda

Draft Minutes Oct. 18, 2023

Correspondence as listed

31 Eldridge Rd Amend OoC 113-582 docs

555 Old Harvard Rd NOI docs

100 Codman Hill Rd docs