



TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH Meeting Minutes

Boxborough Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes for November 22, 2022

Approved on December 13, 2022

The Agricultural Commission held its monthly meeting on November 22, 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

Members absent: None

Others present: None

1. Review and approve minutes: The Commission approved the minutes of October 18, 2022, as amended, by a vote of 5 to 0 (moved by Neyland, seconded by Becker).

2. Public participation: None

3. Correspondence. Neville reported on: (1) the Town Treasurer asking for a budget request from the Commission, which decided on \$300 to cover meetings and tree trimming; and (2) request for Delano to attend the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation; approved, up to \$200, by a vote of 5 to 0 (moved by Becker, seconded by Neyland).

4. Community events. The Grange gardening talk is scheduled for 2/10/2023, at 7 PM; flyers will be available for distribution.

5. 95/105 Sargent Road. Neville provided an update on the land transfer, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Conservation Commission and Agricultural Commission, and the Conservation Restriction (CR). The Commission debated the Conservation Commission's proposed changes to the MOU and provided recommendations. Neville and Clemence to coordinate response before reporting back to the Town Clerk. Neville to provide a model CR from the Boxborough Conservation Trust and information from the Town Clerk.

6. Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP). Neville provided an update, including the need for a letter of support. He provided the Conservation Commission's letter indicating review and approval of the Plan as an example. Clemence to review the Plan's recommendations pertaining to agriculture.

7. Invasive species. Neyland reported on tree regrowth in Worcester following Asian Longhorn Beetle, and members discussed ways to increase awareness and public involvement with the Spotted Lantern Fly.

List of documents and other exhibits. Draft meeting minutes for October 18, 2022; draft MOU for 95/105 Sargent Road; OSRP letter from Conservation Commission to the Massachusetts Division of Conservation Services.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 7:30 PM, at Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 PM by a vote of 5 to 0 (moved by Becker, seconded by Neville).

Respectfully submitted,
Bryon Clemence, Clerk