

Boxborough Conservation Commission Meeting  
Minutes

Wednesday January 18, 2012

Members present: Charlene Golden, David Koonce, Norm Hanover, Rick Williamson, and David Follett at 7:40. Member absent: Dennis Reip Also present: Frank Powers, BoS liaison.

Charlene called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

Motion was made by Charlene, seconded by David Koonce, and voted 4 – 0 to approve the payment from the Town Wetland Bylaw Fee Fund of \$335.00 to Oxbow Associates for their work on the Moran application.

Charlie Learoyd, Applewood Condo. Assoc., notified the Commission that the disturbed area on Russet Lane has been mulched and the silt fence repaired.

The Commission received the MACC newsletter with Worcester annual conference information.

Motion was made by Norm, seconded by David Koonce, and voted 5 – 0 to approve the minutes of Jan. 4, 2012.

Alison Coutts appeared to discuss the Enforcement Order issued for work done and proposed at 1190 Liberty Sq. Rd within the buffer zone. The area was cleared after storm damage in October. Trees had come down blocking one of the driveways. Small trees, invasives and briars were removed within the 100' buffer using a bobcat. Ms. Coutts will get permission to burn the brush pile. There is no plan to take the bobcat back into the area. She will continue cutting back the bittersweet and reseed. No filing will be required. David Koonce moved, David Follett seconded, and it was unanimously voted to rescind the Enforcement Order.

113-503 34 Mass Ave. The hearing was opened and, at the request of the applicant's engineer by email, continued to Feb. 1 at 8:15 PM.

113-507 NOI hearing continuation Project Location: 959 Hill Road Map 04-5-157-0.0  
Project: remove invasives & use native plants to restore disturbed areas  
Property Owner/ Applicant present: Jeanne Kangas Primary Reviewer: David Koonce  
Discussion: update from David's site visit Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Ms. Kangas proposes letting native species regenerate. Some winterberry will be planted. She will try to control the invasives using manual mechanical means. The Commission has issue with use of herbicides in either the buffer or wetland. Motion was made by David Koonce, seconded by David Follett and unanimously voted to close the hearing at 8:55 PM.

John Nyland, Chris Delise, and Jesse Floyd from the Agricultural Commission and Becky Neville were present to discuss the year end review of the Flerra community garden. Only 2 plots were not taken and about 15 gardeners used the garden during this second year of operation. An abutter did complain about water jugs and fall clean-up, etc. Motion was made by Norm, seconded by Charlene, and unanimously voted to approve changing the clean-up date to Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. Motion was made by Charlene, seconded by David Follett, and unanimously approved to allow the community garden at Flerra for the 2012 season.

Motion was made by David Koonce, seconded by Charlene, and unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Norm Hanover.

  
Approved

  
Date