

Boxborough Conservation Commission Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday April 4, 2012

Town Hall

Members present: David Follett, Charlene Golden, Norm Hanover, David Koonce, Dennis Reip, Chairman, and Rick Williamson.

Also present: Frank Powers, BoS liaison

Dennis called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by David Follett, and unanimously voted to pay Oxbow Associates \$112.50 from the bylaw filing fee account.

Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by David Follett, and unanimously voted to pay Hyla Ecological \$1,026.40 from the bylaw filing fee account.

Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Charlene, and unanimously voted to pay New England Office Supply \$137.71.

Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by David Koonce, and unanimously voted to pay SVT \$60.00 for membership renewal.

Motion was made by Norm, seconded by Dennis and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of March 21, 2012 as edited.

Jim Faulkner presented his proposal to use goats for invasive plant control at Rolling Meadows.

Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by David Koonce, and unanimously voted to allow goats for invasives control at Rolling Meadows contingent on the following three conditions:

1. There will be a site visit prior to fence installation.
2. The start date will be around May 1<sup>st</sup>, depending on site visit.
3. The Commission reserves the right to terminate the arrangement at any time.

8:30 PM Hearing cont. DEP no: 113-454BWB Type of filing: Request to Amend an OoC

Property Location: The properties are located off Stow Road and identified as Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 5-2-189-1.0; 5-2-189-2.0; 5-2-189-3.0; 5-2-189-4.0; 5-2-189-5.0; 5-2-189-6.0; 5-2-189-7.0; 5-2-189-8.0; 5-2-189-11.0; 5-2-189-12.0; 5-2-189-13.0; 5-2-189-14.0; 5-2-189-15.0; 5-2-189-16.0; 9-2-189-0.A; 9-2-189-9.0; 9-2-189-10.0; 9-2-196-0.0 & 9-2-206-0.0.

Name of Applicant / owners: Don McPherson, Minute Man Air Field

Address: 302 Boxborough Rd. Stow 01720

Project Description: A request to amend an Order of Conditions to remove conditions for work which is no longer planned in the Air Field's Vegetative Management Plan.

Applicant/Owner Present: Don McPherson MMAF and Greg Sheets

Lead Reviewer: David Follett

Discussion: It was reported that all four vernal pools on site have been certified. Areas (square footage) of impact to BVW, BLSF, and riverfront area have been provided. A vernal pool restoration plan and invasives management plan have been provided.

Requests: David Follett will email the Town Administrator asking Town Counsel an opinion on the Commission's legal authority to approve the proposed mitigation in the background of this case. Secondly, Oxbow Associates will be asked to valuate mitigation options #1, 2, and 3 relative to each other and 310 CMR 10.00.

Continuation date / time: May 2, 2012 at 8:30 PM.

Flerra Meadows Mowing Plan was discussed.

Frank Powers proposed to increase the width of the mowing along the edge of the pond to the top of the berm. Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Norm, and unanimously voted to use the 2011 mowing plan again in 2012 subject to field delineation of the limits of mowing and location of the trail. Charlene and Norm and will do a site visit with Rob McNeece and Tom Garmon, DPW Director.

Dennis will forward to the Town Planner the DCS grant information regarding funding for updating the Open Space and recreation Plan.

Motion was made by David Follett, seconded by Dennis, and unanimously voted to adjourn at 10:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted, David Koonce.

Approved

Date