

Boxborough Conservation Commission Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday June 6, 2012

Town Hall

Members present: Charlene Golden, Norm Hanover, Dennis Reip, Chairman, Rick Williamson and David Follett and David Koonce at 7:50 PM.

Also present: Frank Powers

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

Motion was made by Rick, seconded by Dennis and voted 4 – 0 to approve the minutes of May 2, 2012.

Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Charlene, and voted 4 – 0 to pay the Oxbow Associates bill of \$305.00 from the bylaw fee fund.

Motion was made by Norm, seconded by Rick, and voted 4 – 0 to pay W.J. Graves \$500.25 and Concord/Littleton Lumber \$58.60 for trail maintenance materials.

David Follett and David Koonce joined the meeting.

Norm reviewed his discussion with Ken Fabian regarding the land easement and possible gift to the town. Ken has expressed interest in a gift to the Town of a small parcel of land that would contain the nature trails currently used. Norm will proceed with having the area and the trails surveyed. The survey results will be shared with Ken Fabian.

The Commission reviewed the summer schedules. Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Charlene, and unanimously voted to meet July 11, 2012 in place of July 4, 2012.

8:00 PM RDA hearing opened.

Property Location: Blanchard School, 493 Massachusetts Avenue Map 11-5-321

Name of Applicant: Curtis Bates, Principal Owners: Town of Boxborough

Applicant present: Claire Jeanotte, Blanchard Business Manager and Marie Neyland, School Committee.

Lead Reviewer: Rick Williamson Documents presented: RDA, plan, Bates letter and attachments

Discussion: Proposal is to install a 4 foot high fence to keep children, balls etc. out of the water. There will be a gate near the small footbridge. This project is being driven by child safety and insurance issues. A private contractor, not DPW, will install the fence.

Motion was made by Rick, seconded by Dennis, and unanimously voted to close the hearing at 8:21 PM.

Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Rick, and unanimously voted to approve a negative DoA with conditions.

8:32 PM Hearing continuation for Request to Amend an.OoC DEP no: 113-454BWB

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 MMAF Applicant present: Don McPherson; Greg Sheets
Lead Reviewer: David Follett

Documents presented: Oxbow Assoc. Review of Applicant's Request for Amended OoC
Rationale for Consideration of Alternative Remediation Plan dated May 23, 2012

Discussion: Applicant is receptive to marking semi-permanently to boundary of VM2.
Applicant is receptive to Oxbow's proposal for control of invasive species as outlined in item 2 of the Oxbow memo.

The applicant will respond in writing before July 7 to enable Oxbow to review the response prior to the meeting on July 11.

Motion was made by David Follett, seconded by David Koonce, and unanimously voted to continue the hearing on July 11, 2012 at 8:00 PM.

Julian D'Agostine appeared before the Commission to discuss proposed plan revisions. He would like to use boulders smaller than 24". He will submit an alternative boulder or fencing plan.
The site also requires a natural gas line to the restaurant. They have added an additional island (#5) between Rt. 111 and the restaurant. It was noted that the retention basins are showing a lot of erosion.
The applicant will submit a Request for a Partial Certificate of Compliance so that the ice cream parlor can open.

The Recreation Commission has inquired about installing roofs to the dugouts and benches at Flerra. Esthetics is an issue. After discussion Dennis moved, Charlene, seconded, and it was unanimously voted to deny the request.

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

Respectfully submitted, Norm Hanover.


Approved _____ Date 6-20-2012