

Boxborough Conservation Commission Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday October 2, 2012

Town Hall

Members present: David Follett, Charlene Golden, David Koonce, Norm Hanover, Dennis Reip, Chairman, and Rick Williamson. Dennis called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Motion was made by Norm, seconded by David Follett, and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of September 19, 2012.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 22nd. The next meeting after that is Wednesday Oct. 31st followed by the regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, November 7th, and then Tuesday, November 20th.

Ken Fabian was present to discuss the revised trail easement plan. Norm reported that the proposed new trail location would require a fair amount of work to create and would not be as functional as the existing trail. Ken reported that he and his wife are not willing to gift the 40, 802 sq. ft. necessary to include the existing trail. Motion was made by Norm and seconded by Dennis to pursue a swap of easements with the Fabians. The motion carried with 4 in favor and 2 opposed.

Ed Whitcomb, LanSCom member, was present to report on the Beaver Brook Trail. The DPW made some trail improvements primarily putting in gravel, but there is a need for additional fill. Ed asked the Commission to consider allocating additional funds for this purpose at some time in the future. Ed also asked whether he could mow the old field in back more often in order to keep the golden rod in check and encourage the growth of more grass. The Commission was in favor of allowing Ken to mow this area more often.

Type of filing: 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 (MMAF) not present

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.

The applicant requested continuation to Oct. 22, 2012 at 8:00 PM.

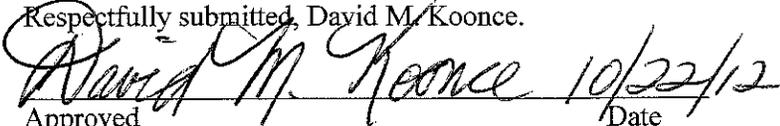
The owners of 593 Mass Ave. have offered the property to the Town for purchase. Dennis will write a memo that any use of the property will very likely require a filing with the Commission pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Boxborough Wetland Bylaw.

Motion was made by David Koonce, seconded by Dennis and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of August 15, 2012.

Norm presented the OPDMD regulations he and Liz Markiewicz drafted. Motion was made by Norm, seconded by Rick and approved 5 – 0 to adopt the OPDMD and incorporate it into the existing Conservation Land Use and Regulations. Norm will write a memo to the Selectmen advising them that the ConsCom has adopted the OPDMD and recommends they consider doing the same for municipal land.

Motion was made by Norm, seconded by Dennis, and voted 5 – 0 to adjourn at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted, David M. Koonce.


Approved _____ Date 10/22/12