

Boxborough Conservation Commission Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday October 31, 2012
Town Hall

Members present: Charlene Golden, David Koonce, Norm Hanover, Dennis Reip, Chairman, Rick Williamson, and David Follett at 7:45. Dennis called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

Bradford Cray from Boxborough Conservation Trust requested time on an upcoming agenda to interview the Commission for an article in their newsletter. The Commission decided Nov. 7th at 8:15 pm.

The Commission received a letter from Betty MacKenzie offering a hybrid chestnut tree to the Town or Commission. The Commission has no interest in this tree for placement on Conservation Land.

Property owner from Loreto Drive expressed interest in removing trees from the Resource Area. Dennis will inform him that only limited tree work can be done.

For the fiscal year end June 30, 2012 the Commission had \$11.00 unspent. The Trust fund has \$30K. MACC dues have gone up for the coming year. The next meeting is Nov. 7, 2012 and then *Tuesday* Nov. 20, 2012.

Motion was made by Rick, seconded by Dennis, and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of October 22, 2012. DEP no: 113-511 NOI hearing continuation Project Location: 459 Sargent Road Assessor's Map 11-6-217-1.0. Project Description: The construction of a replacement subsurface sewage disposal system. Property Owner Hugh Fortmiller was present Lead Reviewer: Golden Engineer: Kevin Ritchie, Civil Solutions The Commission discussed the findings from the site visit. The current system is in failure. It was also observed that the wetland flags were not numbered. Hugh volunteered to have the plan and flags in the field updated with numbers. Motion was made by Charlene, seconded by Dennis and unanimously voted to close the hearing at 8:11pm.

DEP no: 113-512 NOI hearing Project Location: 156 Burroughs Road Assessor's Map 10-4-249-0.0 Project Description: fill and regrade back yard. Property Owner: Viktoria Prokopovich Applicant: Brian Griffin Lead Reviewer: Williamson Documents Presented: NOI and associated plan The site has not been flagged by a wetland scientist. A site visit will take place Saturday, Nov. 3rd at 9:00. An abutter voiced some concern about alterations affecting a lot on Burroughs on the side of the pond/vernal pool. The hearing is continued to Nov. 7th at 8:00 pm.

DEP no: 113-454BWB 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 (MMAF) 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 present: Don McPherson Lead Reviewer: Follett Also Present: Greg Sheets Discussion: Brian Butler, Oxbow Associates consultant to the ConsCom, has recently communicated that converting the subject area to a meadow would be costly and require significant active maintenance by the applicant. The proposal would also require more active review by the ConsCom. Motion was made by Norm, seconded by Dennis and unanimously voted to close the hearing at 9:55 pm. David Follett distributed a draft AOoC and discussed briefly.

The Commission discussed the draft letter to the Fabian's and the Special Town Meeting article for accepting the new easement. Motion was made by Norm, seconded by Charlene, and unanimously voted to pass both to town counsel for review.

Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Rick, and unanimously voted to adjourn at 10:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Norm Hanover.


Approved

Nov. 20, 2012
Date