

Steele Farm Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes 4/21/15

Meeting was called to order by Chair, Bruce Hager at 7:07pm. Attending members were Jeanne Kangas, and Ed Whitcomb. Bob Stemple, Selectman liaison to the committee, and Benjamin Fairbank and Jennie Bergeron, graduate students from the Conway School also attended.

- We approved minutes from the 3/17/15 meeting as amended.
- Ben and Jennie briefed us on the scope of their management plan project and all attendees gave them information on Steele Farm. Ben and Jennie had walked Steele Farm, toured the barn and saw the farmhouse earlier today with Bruce, Ed and Jeanne. The students sought and were given by Bruce and Jeanne much information and plan to provide more documents and photos to them to assist in the development of their recommendations for management of the property.
- We tentatively scheduled a community or public meeting on May 6 at Town Hall to get more input from interested Town committee and commission members and the rest of the town's people about a management plan. Another such meeting was scheduled on June 3 for Ben and Jennie to present their preliminary analysis and get more feedback from our community.
- We unanimously approved the funds to do a heavy metals test along with the standard soil test Conway will be doing at their expense. It is understood that the metals test should cost us \$50.00 or less.
- Steele Farm's Spring Volunteer Day will be on May 9 from 9 am to 12 noon. Setra Systems, the Boxborough business that contacted the Town to offer volunteers for Town purposes are welcomed to join us that Day.
- The Boxborough PD are handling a recent ice house break-in.
- Dog feces became a serious problem, probably due to the unusually deep snow that prevented people's dogs from moving off the trail very far. Member Ed Whitcomb cleaned up most of it. We remind dog-walkers to use the bags available at the trailhead to pick up after their dogs. The sign and bags will be moved closer to the trail for more convenience.
- The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed Whitcomb