

Boxborough Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday
February 19, 2014 Town Hall

Members present: Charlene Golden, Norm Hanover, David Koonce, and Hoff Stuart.
Members absent: David Follett, Dennis Reip (Chair)

A quorum was present and Charlene, acting as chair, called the meeting to order at 7:38 pm.

Carl Lang, Eagle Scout candidate, was present to discuss his proposed project to build a boardwalk to Boxborough Conservation Trust land. It will be comprised of seven eight-foot sections spanning 56 feet, supported by 6' x 6' every six feet. The frame consists of 2' x 8's. Five ¼' panels will be used for the decking. All wood will be pressure treated. There is a 20' change in elevation between the start and end of the boardwalk. The boardwalk is proposed to be assembled on site from materials "wheeled in." Construction is proposed for summer 2014. The Commission advised Mr. Lang that no filing with the Commission would be necessary if the boardwalk rests on the surface without any digging or in ground concrete footings. The Commission will send a letter to BCT so advising. Norm will draft the letter.

Motion was made by Charlene, seconded by Hoff, and unanimously voted to approve payment of \$225.00 to the Middlesex Registry of Deeds for recording three Blanchard School Certificates of Compliance.

Charlene read a letter drafted by Dennis to the new owners of 432 Stow Road advising them of the history of encroachment by previous owners and requesting their cooperation.

Charlene read a letter drafted by Dennis to Golden Pond Office regarding the tree cutting on their property at the corner of Stow Road and Rt. 111.

Motion was made by Charlene, seconded by Norm, and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of February 5, 2014.

The Commission postponed the discussion of the Gundersen land gift pending the presence of the full Commission and additional input from the Gundersen family on a memorial plaque.

The Commission plans to review / rank the Vorce property at the next meeting.

Mitzi Garcia-Weil, Clerk of the Recreation Commission, was present to request approval to create cross-country ski trails at Rolling Meadows. This would be done with a home-made "track setter" consisting of wooden blocks mounted on a sled pulled by a snowmobile. The Commission expressed general support for the proposal on a trial basis, which perhaps could be implemented on other parcels as well. Mitzi will get back to Jim Faulkner, proponent and abutter to Rolling Meadows, who would do the maintenance. The Commission is requesting more details regarding location of trails, grooming schedule and related activity.

The Commission received the DEP Scheduling Order for Flagg Hill Road LLC OADR Docket No. WET-2014-002, DEP file 113-0515. Per Town Counsel's advice the Commission voted and approved 4 – 0 the following motion made by David and seconded by Charlene: To direct Town Counsel to advise DEP's Office of Appeals and Dispute Resolution that until further notice, the
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Boxborough Conservation Commission will remain a passive party in the proceedings of OADR Docket No. WET-2014-002.

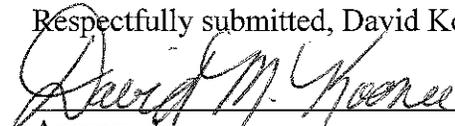
Charlene will follow up with the Town Administrator regarding her request for input on a possible donation of a small parcel of land owned by Beverly and Robert Ludovico and located near the transfer station. The Commission is concerned that the property has been contaminated by the adjacent landfill and there might be associated liability issues for the Town.

Regarding Tom Weaver's request for the use of Flerra Field for a MinuteCub and Patriot muster, motion was made by Norm, seconded by Hoff and approved 3 -1 to request additional information, including number of participants, number from Boxborough, specific area of use, and whether there will be overnight camping.

The Commission reviewed the email from Mark T. Vaughan of Riemer | Braunstein LLP representing Colbea Enterprises LLC with regards to a property located on Adams Place and commented that the Commission has previously conditioned wells located in the buffer zone when alternative locations do not exist or are impractical. The wetlands definitely need to be identified and flagged and submitted for review under an ANRAD or NOI filing. An alternative to a snow covered flagging effort is to wait until the snow melts. Although the available mapping provides a general indication of known wetland areas, it is not considered to be accurate for formal project planning or review. Questions about the W-District should be directed to the ZBA.

Motion was made by Hoff, seconded by Charlene, and unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted, David Koonce.


Approved _____ Date 06/04/14