

Boxborough Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday
March 5, 2014 Town Hall

Members present: Charlene Golden, Norm Hanover, David Koonce, Hoff Stuart and Dennis Reip (Chair) at 8:50 pm.

Member absent: David Follett.

A quorum was present and Charlene, acting as chair, called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

Motion was made by David, seconded by Charlene, and unanimously voted 4 – 0 to approve the minutes of February 19, 2014 subject to correcting typos.

Motion was made by David, seconded by Norm, and voted unanimously 4 – 0 to accept two easements on the current Gundersen property, one on Lot 6 and one on the unbuilt lot.

Charlene reviewed an email from Dennis to Tom Weaver relative to using Flerra Field for a Cub Scout muster. Motion was made by Norm, seconded by David and unanimously voted to not grant permission to scouts for use of Flerra Field if they make a new request.

John Neyland, Agricultural Commission chair, was present to discuss Flerra community garden. The 2013 season was very successful. The area was two-thirds full and the water supply was good. In 2013 the ground was tilled the last week of April. Both Ann Cooney and Rob McNeece, abutters, attended the end of season recap meeting and voiced support for the current program. Deer were a problem and they will install a secondary wire to discourage the deer. Motion was made by Charlene, seconded by Norm, and voted unanimously 4 – 0 to allow the program to continue in 1014.

The Commission reviewed an email from the Town Planner with a trail map and details for the Rolling Meadows x-country proposal initiated by Jim Faulkner, abutter, and the Recreation Commission. David recommended changing the location of the track near the cedar tree on the red trail. Motion was made by Charlene, seconded by Hoff, and voted unanimously 4 – 0 to approve the proposed x-country trail as modified.

The Commission ranked the Vorce property on Summer Road. The total score was 110. This is very low score and the Commission probably will not pursue a purchase.

Several applicants have finished their projects but have not completed the OoC process by requesting a CoC. The Commission reviewed and edited a draft reminder letter. These applicants will be sent this reminder letter, the DEP form 8A, fee schedule, and instructions.

Regarding the Community Preservation Act, Rita Grossman has requested the Commission's anticipated expenses for land acquisition. Dennis will reply that it will be several meetings before the information and input can be provided. The Commission will look back at recent purchases and forward at potential purchases.

Dennis reported on his discussion with Jim Faulkner, Planning Board chair, Tom Gorman, Zoning Board of Appeals Chair, and the Town Planner relative to eliminating the W-District in the Zoning Bylaw.

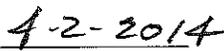
Norm presented a summary of the DRC Forestry Management Practices Manual. A copy will be kept in the Commission office along with the manual for future reference.

Motion was made by Hoff, seconded by David, and unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Norm Hanover.



Approved



Date