

Boxborough Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday July 15, 2015 Town Hall

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

Dennis called the meeting to order at 7:39 pm.

Motion was made by Hoff, seconded by Dennis and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of April 1, 2015.

Norm arrived at 7:42 pm.

Motion was made by David Koonce, seconded by Dennis and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of June 17, 2015.

The Commission reviewed an email from Hugh Fortmiller and Francie Nolde concerning the installation of a solar array in the outer 25 feet of the buffer zone. This would require an NOI.

David Follett arrived at 7:48 pm.

Dennis addressed the solar array issue and mentioned that the Commission would be concerned about necessity to place it in the buffer zone.

Steven LaRivee, representing the Harvard Sportsmen's Club, was present to inquire about renewing a trout pond which had not been maintained for 30 years. They would need to file an NOI to remove leaves from the pond. Dennis recommended they hire an environmental manager.

8:00 Hearing cont. NOI DEP no: 113-521 Lead Reviewer: David Koonce
Project Location: Adams Place Assessor's Map 02-2-129 & 130
Property Owner: The Gutierrez Company Applicant: Colbea Enterprises LLC
Project Description: the development of a gasoline station with convenience store and drive-thru.
Applicant's Representative: Laura Simkins, Sovereign Consulting Inc.
Documents presented: letter from Laura Simkins withdrawing the application
Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by David Follett, and unanimously voted to close the hearing and accept the letter of withdrawal.

RDA hearing Boxborough Wetlands Bylaw Lead Reviewer: Dennis Reip
Project Location: 1195 Hill Rd Assessor's Map 04-069-000
Property Owner: Marjorie and David Keyes Applicant: LandValue LLC
Project Description: verification of jurisdictional wetland
Applicant's Representative: Tom Hughes, Hughes Environmental Consulting
Documents presented: Tom Hughes presented the RDA for the applicant;
Report from Bill Murray, Places Associates. ConsCom consultant
Discussion: Dennis reviewed Places' input stating that vegetation, drainage, and lack of hydrosols indicate this is not a wetland. The Commission agreed.
Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by David Koonce, and unanimously voted to close the hearing and issue a negative determination.

The Commission reviewed a draft Conservation Restriction for the Boxborough Conservation Trust property on Depot Road. The consensus and input to the Trust is that the document is ready for legal review. David Follett, abutter, recused himself.

Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by David Follett, and unanimously voted to pay the MACC annual dues.

Motion was made by David Follett, seconded by Dennis, and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of May 20, 2015.

Motion was made by Norm, seconded by David Follett, and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of June 3, 2015.

On June 30, 2015 David Lindberg, Enforcement Officer, and Norm Hanover visited 173 Liberty Square Road. They found a bogged down bobcat excavator within 50 to 75 feet of standing water. The homeowner was present for the discussion and was told to stop working and file an NOI. He stated he was moving rocks from the rear stone wall to the stone wall at the front of the property. Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Norm, and unanimously voted to issue an Enforcement Order to cease work and file an NOI within 30 days.

An email from Bruce Hager regarding proposed Steele Farm Management Plan will be discussed at the next meeting.

The Commission discussed a proposal for removal of invasive species. New England Wildflower Society charges a day rate of \$1,920 for four applicators. This cost includes herbicide application, supplies, tools, chainsaw operation and minor brush management. The cost does not include chipping brush or hauling debris. If volunteers help with the work by cutting the invasives down in advance of applying the herbicide, the day rate would be reduced to \$1,450. Dennis will reply requesting a formal proposal to be done in the fall. An RDA would be required since they would use pesticides.

David Koonce left at 9:35 pm.

Dennis reported the Commission has not received the agreed upon RDA from Don McPherson, MMAF.

CPC is working on a formal plan and the Commission will discuss their input at their next meeting.

Motion was made by Hoff, seconded by David Follett, and unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Hoff Stuart.

H. Stuart 5 Aug 2015
Approved Date