

TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH
Conservation Commission
Minutes May 2, 2018
Boxborough Town Hall 29 Middle Road

Members present: Dennis Reip (Chair), Charlene Golden, Norm Hanover, David Koonce, Stephen Schmitt and Hoff Stuart

Member absent: David Follett

Dennis called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

The Commission reviewed the following correspondence.

By email, Ed Whitcomb notified the Commission that the Steele Farm Advisory Committee has planned a "Down with Bittersweet" day on May 9th at Steele Farm, the adjacent conservation Beaver Brook parcel, and the adjacent municipal Community Garden parcel. Approximately 120 Crown Castle volunteers and 15 town volunteers will cut as much bittersweet at ground level as possible. They plan to target bittersweet that is climbing the trees.

Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Norm, and voted unanimously to spend up to \$250.00 from the equipment and maintenance account for gravel repairs to the Beaver Brook Meadows trail.

By email, Piotr Chadzynski, manager of 3E Properties LLC, notified the Commission about his efforts with the Applicant to erect a permanent barrier at 1178 Hill Road to prevent "seepage, discharge, and breakout of orders" from the new septic system at that location.

By email, Larry Brown of 450 Stow Road reported he intends to rebuild his house that was recently destroyed by fire and he wants to make sure the Commission is involved in the process. He plans to use the existing foundation. The consensus of the Commission was that a filing will be required.

By email, the Town Planner requested Commission review of the Scenic Road and Stone Wall Application at 3 Old Harvard Road. The Commission will respond that one of the dwellings is in a slightly different location than was proposed in the Order of Conditions 113-549. The Applicant should be reminded of Condition #28 of the Order, requiring Commission review of revised plans.

Motion was made by Norm, seconded by Dennis, and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of April 18, 2018.

Norm described the proposed new pedestrian trail on the Paddock Estates land on Hill Road. There are concerns regarding the proximity of the Wetherbee Farm horses grazing on the property and the impact of the horses on the wetlands. The agricultural exemption may or may not apply to the horse use. David Koonce will research the exemption issue. A filing for the trail in the Commission's jurisdiction will be required.

Norm reported on a possible violation at 270 Flagg Hill Road. Two sheds appear to have been built in the buffer zone, but it is not clear how long they have been there. Dennis will research past aerial photos to try to determine when the sheds were constructed.

Norm also reported mowing activity in the Rolling Meadows "cow funnel". Dennis will ask the new building inspector to speak with the McGowans regarding the concerns.

Motion was made by Hoff, seconded by Norm, and voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted, David Koonce.

 David Koonce 5/16/10
On behalf of the Conservation Commission Date