

Boxborough Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday February 3, 2016 Vestry UCC Church

Members present: David Follett, Charlene Golden, Norm Hanover, Dennis Reip, Chairman, and Hoff Stuart. Member absent: David Koonce.

The Commission discussed the Blanchard School 6th Graders possible project as part of the Stand Up Fair. They are interested in environmental problems and possibly removing invasive species.

Motion was made by Hoff, seconded by Dennis and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of Jan. 6, 2016.

After discussion motion was made by Norm, seconded by Dennis and unanimously voted to approve the amended minutes of Jan. 20, 2016.

David Follett offered an apology to the AgCom regarding comments made about qualifications for evaluating financial matters.

Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Hoff and unanimously voted to approve the payment of \$484.89 to Places Assoc. for review of the NOI at 171 Depot Rd.

Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Hoff and unanimously voted to approve the payment of \$1242.00 to Kopelman & Paige, Town Counsel, for services provided on the acquisition of the Ashmore property 345 Rear Sargent Road.

Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Norm and unanimously voted to approve the payment of up to \$690.00 for members to attend the MACC annual conference.

Motion was made by Hoff, seconded by Dennis and voted unanimously to approve and sign the Order of Conditions 113-528 for the installation and maintenance of a flow device at Cisco Systems, Inc.

The Commission reviewed email from Tom Garmon, DPW Director, including updates to the maintenance Order of Conditions 113-497 and a revised mowing plan for Conservation lands.

Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by David Follett and voted unanimously to approve Dennis' draft of a warrant article for the annual town meeting for \$5,000 for the Trust Fund.

8:30 NOI hearing continuation DEP: 113-527

Project Location: 171 Depot Rd Assessor's Map 05-052-000

Property Owner/Applicant: Robson Oliveira, BHR Development LLC

Applicant's Engineer: Seth L. Lajoie and Associates, Inc. Lead Reviewer: Charlene Golden

Project: install a replacement septic system and construct an attached garage on the north side of the existing house.

Seth presented a plan revised from BoH and ConsCom input and comments. The Commission reviewed the plan. As noted from the site visit, there is accumulated debris in the buffer zone. The Commission discussed conditions for the Order that would allow for the removal of this debris.

Motion was made by Charlene, seconded by Dennis and voted unanimously to close the hearing.

8:45 RDA Hearing continuation Property Owner/Applicant: Donald McPherson, Cloudland Farm.
Project Location: 535 Rear Stow Road and adjacent to Fifer's Lane Assessor's Map 19-066-000.
Lead Reviewer: David Follett

Present: Don McPherson

Discussion: David reviewed the findings from the site visit. Some of the debris piles are from older activity. Don submitted two documents and one diagram showing the 100' buffer, cart path, and brush clearing activity. He also distributed documents relevant to the commercial activity of Cloudland Farm over time and relating to 61A and 61B.

Motion was made by David, ^Fseconded by Norm and voted unanimously to close the hearing.

David then presented a draft determination including history, findings and special conditions for review. During review and discussion of this draft, it became apparent that some new information regarding commercial farming activity was being introduced for consideration.

The Commission voted to reopen the hearing to allow the applicant and others to comment on this information. The new information was discussed.

Motion was made by David, ^Fseconded by Dennis and voted unanimously to close the hearing.

Motion was made by Norm, seconded by Dennis, and unanimously voted to adjourn at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, David Follett.


Approved _____ Date 3/28/10