

Boxborough Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday March 2, 2016 Vestry UCC Church

Members Present: Charlene Golden, Norm Hanover, David Koonce, Dennis Reip, and Hoff Stuart.
Member Absent: David Follett.

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

Motion was made by David, seconded by Norm and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of February 17, 2016, with corrections.

Norm reviewed a letter to Mr. Bushie, 173 Liberty Square Road, clarifying what is permitted under the Order of Conditions. Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Hoff and unanimously voted to approve the letter with a minor amendment.

The Commission reviewed correspondence.

The property owner at 239 Littlefield Road inquired by email and will be told he needs to file an NOI. An abutter to Half Moon Meadow informed the Commission about downed trees on a trail. Dennis replied with permission to clear the path and thanks for the continued stewardship.

The Commission reviewed a letter from the Tisbury Meadow Condominium Association about activity on the abutting property. Today the property owner filed an NOI for test wells and soil testing at the site. The Association will be informed.

An email from Janine Bush was discussed briefly. Dennis reported that DPW Director Garmon relocated the end post of the gate to make walk-around access easier, a follow-up to the January 6th discussion. Consensus is that muddy conditions are unavoidable anywhere along the driveway during thaws wherever there is vehicle traffic. Foot access around accumulated snow banks remains a concern. Dennis will ask the RecCom, meeting on March 8th, to comment.

Owen Neville, Agricultural Commission, was present to report on the community gardens at Flerra Meadows. He introduced the two new garden managers for the 2016 growing season. The gardeners had trouble with the water pump last year and had to bring water to the site. The fencing was also inadequate. Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Norm and unanimously voted to approve the gardens for another year.

NOI hearing continuation DEP no: 113-530 Project Location: Rt. 111 near library

Project Description: replacement and extension of three stone box culverts.

Applicant: Jonathan Gulliver MASS DOT Lead Reviewer: Norm Hanover

Engineer Present: Tom Keough AECOM

Documents Presented: Comment response letter, revised plans, and Stormwater Management System Operation & Maintenance Plan and Long Term Pollution Prevention Plans from applicant in response to NOI review by Places Assoc. consultants to ConsCom.

Discussion: Norm asked about the catch basins. Tom explained that this was "country drainage" and relief is too low to allow for catch basins. Norm asked about guard rails. DOT has planned to locate guard rails between the wetlands and the area where a future sidewalk is planned. Norm inquired if the guard rails could be repositioned between the roadway and the area where the future sidewalk is planned. Tom responded that the guard rail could be relocated easily when the sidewalks are implemented. Motion was

made by Dennis, seconded by Norm and unanimously voted to continue the hearing to March 16th at 7:55 pm.

8:30 NOI hearing DEP 113-529 Project Location: 79 Meadow Lane, Assessor's Map 19-037-000 and 94 Chester Road, Assessor's Map 19-010-000.

Project Description: construction of a 4 bedroom dwelling and subsurface sewage disposal system out of the buffer zone and a driveway, 12' wide, crossing 250 ft. of buffer zone and displacing 365 ft. of wetlands.

Applicant: James D'Agostine, Commonwealth Properties Inc.

Property Owners: Patrick Moran and Megan Moran Son Trustee Dallas, Texas

Lead Reviewer: David Koonce Applicant Present: James D'Agostine

Documents Presented: Revised plan, a response to the Places peer review, and a Wetland Replication Schedule.

Discussion: David reviewed the findings from the site visit on Feb. 27th at 10:00 pm.

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

Motion was made by Hoff, seconded by Dennis, and unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Hoff Stuart.

H. Stuart

Approved

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Date