

Conservation Commission
Minutes June 1, 2016
Grange Meeting Room Boxborough Town Hall 29 Middle Rd.

Members Present: David Follett, Charlene Golden, Norm Hanover, and Dennis Reip.

Dennis called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm and announced in Open Session the purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss possible land acquisition.

Motion was made by Dennis to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing possible land acquisition. The motion was seconded by Norm.

The ConsCom voted as follows to enter into Executive Session:

David Follett – yes; Charlene Golden – yes; Norm Hanover – yes; Dennis Reip – yes.

At 7:35 Dennis reconvened the Open Session of this meeting. Hoff Stuart had joined the Executive Session at 7:15 pm. David Koonce joined the Open Session meeting at 7:35 pm.

Motion was made by Norm, seconded by David Koonce and voted unanimously to approve the Order of Conditions 113-534 proposed roadway Taylor Farm Road off Flagg Hill Road.

Motion was made by Norm, seconded by Hoff, and voted 5 – 0 with 1 abstention to approve the Executive Session minutes of May 18, 2016. Motion was made by Norm, seconded by Dennis and voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes of May 18, 2016, as amended.

RDA hearing Project Location: 535 Stow Road Assessor's Map: 19-080-000, 19-081-000, 19-082-000, 19-083-000, 19-085-000, 19-066-000

Applicant: Bob Stanley – Stanley Farms, sublessee of Cloudland Farm.

Owner: Don McPherson, MMAF Rep: MaryAnn DiPinto, Three Oaks Environmental

Project description: mowing of farm fields in preparation for harrowing and planting and maintenance of drainage ditches to prevent debris from clogging channels.

Lead Reviewer: David Follett

Discussion: The Commission discussed the draft DoA and expressed a need for more time to review the documents. David Follett reported farmer Bob Stanley has withdrawn as a co-applicant.

Motion was made by Norm, seconded by Dennis and unanimously voted to continue the hearing on June 7, 2016 at 7:30 pm.

NOI hearing DEP 113-537 Location: 593 Massachusetts Ave. Assessor's Map 14-159-000

Project Description: Razing of 3 existing buildings and gravel parking and construction of a new building with associated paved parking lot and drainage structures.

Applicant / owner: Leo Bertolami, Boxborough Properties

Engineer: William Hall, E.I.T. Stamski and McNary, Inc. Lead Reviewer: David Koonce

Documents Presented: By email the applicant's engineer requested a continuation to June 15, 2016. The hearing will be scheduled for 8:30 pm on June 15th.

Richard Tower was present to request to hay additional areas at Flerra Meadow. The Commission advised Mr. Tower that the mowing schedule was determined on the basis of promoting and encouraging ground-nesting birds, and that mowing earlier would adversely impact that habitat. The Commission directed Mr. Tower to review the map of the mowed areas and declined to allow any changes to the mowing schedule at the present time.

Eleanor Smith appeared on behalf of her son, Robert, to discuss re-pavement in the buffer zone to the fire pond at 1082 Mass Ave. This discussion was continued to June 15th at 8:45 pm.

Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Norm and voted unanimously to approve the payment of \$120.92 to Ace Hardware.

Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Hoff and voted unanimously to approve the payment of \$55.08 to Littleton Lumber.

By email Fred Dushin expressed his surprise at the conditions in his Order requiring the extension of the crushed stone trench and the planting of two trees. The topic was discussed at the site visit and during review of the draft conditions.

Brian Butler, Oxbow Associates, reported progress in removing foreign material from the resource area at the Lawn Barber site at 1034 Mass Ave. Restoration plantings will begin after the completion of the removal operation.

Dennis will ask Gerry Noel, Building Inspector, to take a look at 394 Littlefield Road.

Motion was made by Hoff seconded by Dennis and voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
David M. Koonce

Approved

Date