

**Boxborough Agricultural Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes for January 14, 2019**

Approved February 11, 2020

**Members Present:** Owen Neville, Chair; John Neyland, Vice Chair; Sarah Murphy, Clerk; Kathie Becker and Bryon Clemence

The Agricultural Commission held its monthly meeting on January 14, 2019. The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM in the Morse-Hilberg Meeting Room, Town Hall 29 Middle Road, Boxborough.

**Review and Approve Minutes:** The Commission approved the minutes of December 3, 2019, as amended, by a vote of 5 - 0 (moved by Becker, seconded by Neyland).

**Public Participation:** None

**Public Input, Emails, and Correspondence:** The Commission received an informational mailing from the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources. They are running updates and listening sessions on farmland preservation restrictions. The commission also received a Farm Bureau newsletter and announcement of Freedom's Way Hidden Treasures program.

**Flerra Garden Review:** Discussion postponed to February meeting.

**Master Plan Action Report:** Clemence drafted the report and presented it to the Select Board and Planning Board during their January 13<sup>th</sup> joint meeting. He walked the commission through the report. Neville moved to approve the report, as amended. Becker seconded the motion. Vote was 5-0.

**2019 Town Report Submission:** Committee reviewed report created by Neville. Neyland moved to approve report, as amended. Clemence seconded the motion. Vote was 5-0.

**Community Preservation Act Application Update:** The Community Preservation Committee voted to send the Commission's application for funding for a reliable water source at the Flerra Community Gardens to Annual Town Meeting for town approval.

**Agricultural Licenses:** Neville will attend the February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conservation Commission to discuss the Agricultural License agreement and update them on the Flerra Community Garden.

**Paddock Estates Agricultural Area:** The Commission reviewed the Declaration of Grant of Restrictive Covenants and Easements. Neville furnished the current Paddock Estates management with the agreement and has been working with them to increase their understanding and compliance of said document.

**Additional Discussion/Updates:** Neyland recently attended the Conservation Commission (CC)'s open meeting. He reported that the CC voted unanimously to accept the amended Order of Conditions for Cloudland Farm.

**List of Documents and Other Exhibits:**

Draft of December Meeting Minutes

Master Plan Action Report

2019 Town Report

Declaration of Grant of Restrictive Covenants and Easements

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Next month's meeting is scheduled February 11, 2019 at 7:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM (moved by Murphy, seconded by Neyland).

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Murphy, Clerk