



TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING Meeting Minutes

Conservation Commission
Sept. 16, 2020
7:30 PM
Zoom

Approved: Oct. 7, 2020

Members Present: Dennis Reip (Chair), Norm Hanover, Steve Schmitt, and Hoff Stuart

Members Absent: Dave Follett and David Koonce

At 7:30 PM, Dennis called the meeting to order and noted this meeting is being conducted via Remote Participation, pursuant to Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of COVID-19 a.k.a. the Coronavirus.

Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Norm and voted unanimously by roll call to approve the minutes of Sept. 2, 2020 as amended. Reip yes; Hanover yes; Schmitt yes; Stuart yes.

Correspondence

By email Rita Grossman forwarded information on Sudbury Valley Trustees upcoming webinar on deer impact on forests.

By email Sherrill Gould requested postponement of further discussion of the Enforcement Order at 199 Middle Road to the next meeting, as she awaits input from engineers.

By email Scott Smyers, Oxbow Associates, submitted the Boxborough Meadows Monitoring Report related to DEP file 113-371. He noted invasive plants are appearing on the edges of the replication. He also provided details for invasives management on ConsCom parcels.

By email Brian Butler, Oxbow Associates, submitted a proposal for invasive plant management at Patch Hill.

Dennis reported that the owners of 313 Massachusetts Avenue have submitted the Request for Certificate of Compliance but are still working on submitting the required "As Built Plan".

Norm reported some landscaping has been done at 881 Massachusetts Avenue but there has been no paving and no further response.

7:45 Discussion Invasive Plants Management

Norm created a list of invasive plants. The Commission discussed priorities and which parcels would benefit most from treatment. The Commission discussed assessing all of the parcels. Commissioners will visit the sites and review their findings at the next meeting.

8:00 Notice of Intent (NOI) Hearing DEP 113-563

Location:

427 Massachusetts Avenue, Assessor's Map 15-001-000, owned by the Town of Boxborough

493 Massachusetts Avenue, Assessor's Map 15-002-000, owned by the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District.

Lead Reviewer: Steve Schmitt

Applicant: Town of Boxborough Hager Bridge and Well-Being Committee

Engineer: Bill Murray, Places Associates

Present: Bill Murray

Project description: bridge replacement crossing Guggins Brook between Blanchard Memorial School and Sargent Memorial Library

Discussion: Bill presented the NOI. The bridge at Guggins Brook will be a combination of a commercial fiberglass bridge and a wooden boardwalk constructed by volunteers. It will be about 2 feet higher than the existing and less likely to flood.

Hoff stated he is an abutter but has no conflict of interest.

Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Norm and voted unanimously by roll call to close the hearing. Reip yes; Hanover yes; Schmitt yes; Stuart yes.

The Commission will issue the Order of Conditions at their next meeting.

At 9:10 PM, motion was made by Norm, seconded by Steve and voted unanimously by roll call to adjourn. Reip yes; Hanover yes; Schmitt yes; Stuart yes.

Documents used during this meeting:

Agenda

Draft Minutes Sept. 2, 2020

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Blanchard Bridge 113-563 NOI and associated materials