

Steele Farm CR/HPR Timeline

Steele Farm purchase approved at ATM 1994.

2005, 2006 ATM – capital debt exclusion replace barn roof, run electric service directly to barn

Sep 2006 – idea of CR/HPR suggested to representatives for SFAC & Historical Society at Statewide Historic Preservation Conference

Nov 2006 – Levi Wetherbee House placed on National Historical Register

2007 – drafts of various approaches, initial discussions with EOEEA, Mass. Historical Comm., BoS on approaches

Nov 2008 – Solicitation for holders of the conservation portions of the CR/HPR. RFP and selection process awarding to TToR.

Dec 2008 – Selection of TToR is completed as partner with BHSI

Spring/Summer 2009 – public information meetings, meetings with Town Boards and Committees

2009 Nov STM - empowered the Board of Selectmen to “complete and to put into place preservation restrictions on the Steele Farm property”

The mechanism for doing this in accordance with MGL ch 184, is a multi-part legal agreement among Boxborough, The Trustees of Reservations (TToR), the Boxborough Historical Society and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Secretary of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs and the Massachusetts Historical Commission. SFAC and Boxborough Historical Commission, prepared a competitive RFP to select TToR to prepare the draft restriction.

2010 – 2011 – revision of final document with inputs and review by BoS, TToR, BHSI, EOEEA & MHC.

2012 - Selectmen approve a final draft of a proposed Conservation and Historical Preservation Restriction for Steele Farm.

October 23, 2012 - final draft delivered to the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs and the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

April – June 2013 – final C/PR approved by Executive Office of Environmental Affairs and the Massachusetts Historical Commission, subject to filing the baseline documentation.

June 2013 – TToR endowment delivered. Funds raised 2011 – 2013 in campaign by Boxborough Conservation Trust and BHSI

July 15, 2013 – BOS acknowledges Baseline Document as complete – the last brick in place!

July 18, 2013 – Filed with Middlesex South Registry of Deeds