

## 322, Steele Farm

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### Property Information

ID #	322
Restriction Name	Steele Farm

### Property Details:

Property address	484 Middle Rd
Town	Boxborough
Legal Landowner	Town of Boxborough
Contact First Name	Bruce
Contact Last Name	Hager

### Visit Contact Details

Who was contacted?	Selena Shaw, Alan Rohwer (Friends of Steele Farm)
By Whom?	Sandy Lower
Method of contact	By email
If contact was made, how substantive was it?	Moderate
Did the owner or owner's representative:	Accompany the monitor on the visit

### Natural or Man Made Changes

Natural or Man Made Changes?	Yes
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Photos of Man Made Change



Description of Man Made Change

Newly rehabbed barn with Steele Farm Advisory Committee members who joined us on monitoring.

Photos of Man Made Change



Description of Man Made Change

Mowing by town in SW corner of property to control invasives as well as bull briar thickets.

Photos of Man Made Change



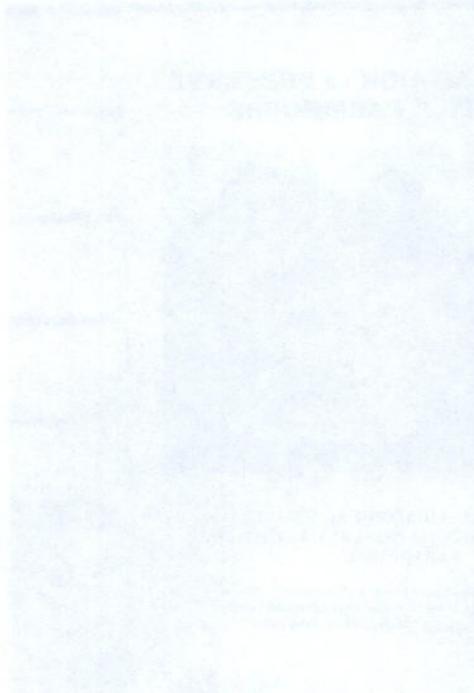
Description of Man Made Change

Fund raising has been initiated to rehab home on property. Architect has been contracted to identify work to be done.

Ecological Sign

View looking S from parking lot. Property has been actively and beautifully maintained by town and cadre of dedicated volunteers.

Photos



Description of track or sign

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Looking E from W boundary close to road. Barn is large white bldg and smaller white bldg is historic ice house that was renovated as Eagle Scout project.

Photos



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**Visit Summary**

Weather Conditions

Sunny, Beautiful fall day with frost still in shaded areas.

Date of visit

2016-11-01

Areas visited

Interior, Boundaries - some

Brief description of areas visited (if necessary)

Parked in lot by barn and walked S through interior of property. Turned W at edge of field then walked N along W boundary. Just S of Middle Rd, turned E to return to vehicle. SFAC members gave us tour of house, which is in dire need of repairs. Town is raising money for repairs.

Time spent monitoring (in hours)

1.5

**Feedback and Notes**

Monitor Notes

The Friends of Steele Farm is an extremely dedicated and engaged group of volunteers who actively managing and maintaining the property. The town hays the fields 2x year and local school groups volunteer to pull invasives. We were also informed of some dark history of the property. There was a murder in the barn in the 90s, and a fatal plane crash in the 70s.

Did you see a possible violation or issue that needs CR staff review? No

CHANGE THE STATUS TO SUBMITTED, POSSIBLE ISSUE

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Name of Monitor	Sandy Lower
Others on visit	Tim Moore, Bruce Hager, others
Digital signature of monitor	



Signed 2016-11-03 19:07:53 UTC

Date signed	2016-11-03
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2013/14 Aerial Photography provided by MassGIS.  
CR boundaries by The Trustees of Reservations.

**Conservation Restriction # 322.00**  
**Steele Farm - Boxborough, MA**  
**Monitoring Route, Nov. 1, 2016**  
**Monitors: Sandy Lower (Trustees) & Tim Moore (Volunteer)**

**Signature:** *Sandy Lower*

- Track
- CR boundary line
- Building Envelope
- Internal Lot Line
- Use Area Boundary



GROUND MONITORING PHOTOS

CR Name : Steele Farm - Boxborough

CR : 322



Photo 1 – Ms Lower plus contingent of SFAC next to Burpee Steele Barn.

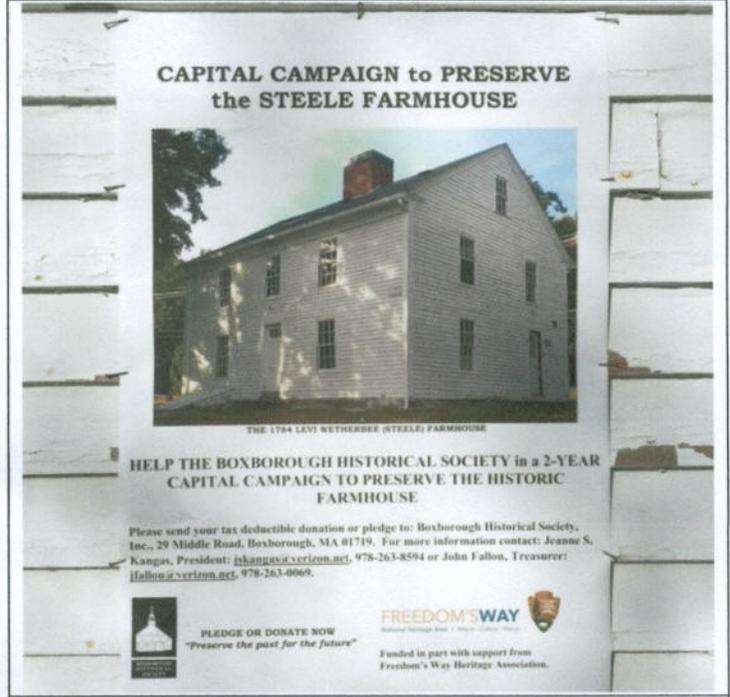


Photo 2 – Brochure for fundraising activity to rehab the Steele Farmhouse – in dire need of repairs.



Photo 3 – Mowing by the town to control invasives and bull briars in SW corner of property.



Photo 4 – Looking E toward barn and ice house. Ice house was renovated for local Eagle Scout project.

Photographer: Tim Moore  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Photos Taken : 01 Nov 2016