

Lampson Brook Farm Board of Director
Minutes: April 9, 2021

Attendance: David Haynes, Jonathan Speigel, Tammy Ryan, Gerard Kennedy, Bob O'Connor (from Board), Doug Albertson, Belchertown Planning

Introductions: Each person introduced themselves and talked about their goals for future Board work. Issues raised included the need for Board staff and legal help in conveyancing of the parcels.

The Board discussed compliance with ethics and public meeting requirements. If members need to distribute files to the Board, they can be sent to the Chair to distribute. The Board can dispense and review information but not make decisions except at the public Board meetings. Subcommittees can do work but not make decisions. Jonathan is working on draft bylaws for discussion by the Board. The Board elected Bob O'Connor as the temporary Board Chair until the Bylaws are voted and officers formerly elected.

The Management Plan project is being funded by EEA and is going through the required advertisements. It is hoped to have proposals to review before the next Board meeting. The importance to knit the five parcels together and to also integrate demonstration and education programs was raised. The management plan will be the guide to the farm manager. The issue of the farm roads was raised (which parcel are they part of?). A survey by Northeast Survey will be distributed. The designation of "Field 5" was discussed - should it be with the Community or Commercial farm? The EDIC sewer line and the farming of the adjacent field was discussed. The planned trail through this area and to Foley Field and Pond was discussed. The management plan should resolve the future of the compost facility. The management plan should resolve the future use of the Enterprise Zone structures (restore or demolish?).

The need to select an entities to hold the Historic Preservation Restriction and Conservation Restrictions was discussed. The Board needs to work with DCAMM to establish joint expectations and criteria. The status of the old State Review Board which has not met since 2012 was discussed.

The Board agreed to meet on May 3 at 10:00 and voted to adjourn.