

Lampson Brook Farm Board of Directors
Meeting Notes
May 18, 2021

Board members present included Jonathan Spiegel, David Haines, Tammy Ryan, Gerard Kennedy and Bob O'Connor. The meeting was convened at 5:00 and the minutes from the May 3, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously. The Board then discussed the Lampson Brook Farm Management Plan (Plan) with Pete Westover and Elizabeth Wroblicka from Conservation Works LLC which has been awarded the project by EEA with the Board's approval. Pete discussed the steps for the Plan and the timing for the completion of the plan. The proposal from Conservation Works is scheduled to finish the Plan by November but they would like to finish by September. The Plan will draft an inspiring vision for the Farm and set the guidance to convey the five parcels to the best owners possible. Part of the process will be talking to various experts familiar with each parcel of the Farm. Conservation Works (CW) will next draft an outline of the plan and make a list of policy questions for the Board to give guidance on. CW will evaluate what is working and what is not working regarding farm management. The plan will be guided by the legislation and will be organized by parcel and by themes that cover the whole farm (such as historic resources or trails). It was agreed that first public outreach meeting would be held after the plan outline is developed and the second meeting after a draft plan has been completed. The detail required in the plan was discussed and it was agreed that the plan would lay out the possibilities and have enough detail to guide good management (what can and cannot occur) and provide examples of how the land could be managed and used. The plan would also outline how collaboration among the 5 parcels could be incorporated into management. Community involvement will also be an important part of the plan. The guidance regarding the Enterprise Zone is a key element of the plan. The plan will also provide a draft of what the various conservation restrictions and historic preservation restrictions would contain. Guidance for the Request for Proposals (RFR) to find new landowners and CR and HPR holders will also be an important component. Guidance on funding the future good operations of the farm are also an important element (with examples of financial models that could work for the farm). The integration and guidance of the commercial farm parcel (to be owned by MDAR) was also discussed.

At the next meeting, the progress of the management plan will be discussed as well as the Bylaws, the Boundary Survey and coordination with DCAMM. The next meeting was scheduled for June 1st at 5:00. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25.