



CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

April 2nd, 2024

Mitch Tucker
Chairman

Sharon Stuart
Caitlin Tucker
Pamela Zylinski
Councilmembers

Kelly Martin
Town Board Liaison

To: Conservation Advisory Council
Councilwoman Kelly Martin
Supervisor Jason Keding
Town Clerk Quinlan
Town Board members
Highway Superintendent Telaak
Code Enforcement Officer Murphy
Town Attorney Costello

Agenda for Tuesday, April 2, 2024 – 7:00 PM

- 1) Call meeting to order – Mitch
- 2) Comments from the floor – Mitch
- 3) APPROVE: Draft minutes from March meeting – Mitch
- 4) Liaison from Town Board – Councilwoman Martin
- 5) Financial Report – Sharon
- 6) Bluebird Birdhouse Workshop, April 8th – Caitlin
- 7) Fishing Derby, May 11th – Mitch
- 8) Correspondence – Mitch
 - a. Boston Solar Project
- 9) New Business
 - a. Climate Stewards Program – Caitlin
- 10) Old Business
 - a. Seed Library – Pam
 - b. Newsletter Update – Pam
 - c. Boston Comp. Plan – Pam
 - d. Climate Smart Communities – Mitch
- 11) Adjournment by Motion

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Notes: Next Meeting: 7:00 PM Tuesday, May 7th, 2024

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CAC Meeting Minutes

03.05.2024

Attendees: Mitch Tucker, Caitlin Tucker, Pamela Zylinski, Sharon Stuart, Jay Jackson

Absentee: Councilwoman Kelly Martin

1. Call Meeting to Order by Mr. Tucker
Meeting called to order at 7:01pm
2. Comments from the floor – Mr. Tucker
Jay has material ready for bluebird houses to make 10. Receipt for reimbursement to be submitted.
3. Approval of Minutes from January and February 2024
Motion made to approve both January 2024 and February 2024 minutes by Ms. Zylinski
2nd by Ms. Tucker
APPROVED
4. Liaison from Town Board – Councilwoman Kelly Martin.
Not present
Ms. Zylinski attended a board meeting. Discussed with the other board members.
5. Financial Report – Ms. Stuart.
Available balance shared with the board members. All current reimbursements will be on the next Town Board meeting.
6. Snowshoe and Snowmen Event Recap – Ms. Tucker
The event was held on Saturday 2/17/24 from 10am to 2pm.
Some snowshoes were used. Attendance was lower than in 2022. The scavenger hunt was successful. Some suggestions were given back to the board. Snow or no snow was a good decision. Further discussion about the name of this event. Spent less than what was budgeted for the event. Discussion about the prizes given out.
7. Bluebird Birdhouse Workshop – Ms. Tucker
Saturday, April 6, 2024
Planned 12pm to 2pm. Ms. Zylinski suggested that snacks/refreshments should be sufficient. Ms. Tucker reached out to Angela Baron and her presentation should be about 30-40 minutes. Followed by the construction of the nest boxes. Agenda drafted and shared with the board members. Draft of a registration form discussed. Equipment needed: powered screw gun. Open registration tomorrow (3/6) and close a week before. Follow up as a reminder to be sent to registrants as the event gets closer. Ms. Stuart suggested to have birdseed available for the registrants with the finished birdhouse.
Motion made to approve \$50 for additional materials for the birdhouses by Ms. Tucker
2nd by Ms. Zylinski
APPROVED
Advertisement discussed – Facebook and then if more is needed can look to have flyers made.

8. Fishing Derby – Mr. Tucker
Saturday, May 11, 2024
Mr. Tucker to reach out to Smith Creek for the fish to stock the pond.
Motion made to approve \$1100 budget for fish for the pond by Mr. Tucker
2nd by Ms. Zylinski
APPROVED
Look into having some people on hand for teaching the kids about fishing.
Ms. Tucker talked about the event and how a resident offered to give a donation with the board members.
Pond Clean Up Day would be a great idea before the event; maybe a week before.
Food to be discussed at next meeting.
9. Seed Library – Ms. Zylinski
Trying to figure out what to use for the seedlings. Ms. Tucker taking the lead to place the order.
Motion made to approve \$100 for seedlings for the community seed library by Ms. Tucker
2nd by Ms. Stuart
APPROVED
Need ideas and budget for seed storage for the next meeting.
10. Newsletter update – Ms. Zylinski
Discussion with the board members about the newsletter. Need to get this completed due to the upcoming events.
Should be out next week.
11. Boston Comprehensive Plan Update – Ms. Zylinski
No recent meetings. Mr. Jackson talked more to the board members. Ms. Zylinski relayed the next meeting scheduled. Business survey still open.
12. Climate Smart Communities – Mr. Tucker
No updates from Mr. Tucker
Ms. Zylinski working with the Comp Plan
13. Correspondence – Mr. Tucker
Arbor Day newsletter shared with members. Emails received and discussed with board members.
14. New Business
Ms. Tucker relayed that a date is needed for L.E.A.F.
Mr. Tucker says they should see what other events are going on in other towns. What makes sense.
Colden Arts Festival is Saturday, October 7, 2024
DATE chosen: October 14, 2024 (tentative)
15. Old Business
None
16. Adjournment by Motion
Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Ms. Stuart
2nd by Ms. Tucker
CLOSED 857pm

Upcoming meeting date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 7:00pm

TOWN OF BOSTON – RESOLUTION NO. 2024-22

REFERRING LARGE-SCALE SOLAR PROJECT TO PLANNING BOARD AND CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

WHEREAS, the Town of Boston has received applications for zoning variances, a special use permit, and site plan review from NY Boston II, LLC, an entity associated with Delaware River Solar, related to the development of a 3.6-megawatt solar facility at 7832 Feddick Road, the first proposed large-scale solar development in the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has classified the solar project as a SEQR Type I action and declared its intent to serve as lead agency, with no other agency seeking lead agency status; and

WHEREAS, the Town has engaged special counsel and Town Engineer CPL to review the project and the SEQR form submitted by the applicant in advance of issuing a declaration regarding the project’s potential impacts on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board expects its engineer and special counsel to have completed their review of the applicant’s submissions by the end of March, and seeks the input, if any, of the Planning Board and Conservation Advisory Committee relative to the reports of the engineer and special counsel;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that Town Board of the Town of Boston hereby requests that the Planning Board and Conservation Advisory Committee review the reports of the Town Engineer and/or the Town’s special counsel regarding the potential environmental impact of the proposed large-scale solar development at 7832 Feddick Road at their April 2024 meetings, and that any comments or further questions be provided to the Town Board by April 12, so that this matter may be further considered at the Town Board’s April 17 meeting.

On March 6, 2024, the question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilmember Cartechine	[]	[]	[]	[]
Councilmember Lucachik	[]	[]	[]	[]
Councilmember Martin	[]	[]	[]	[]
Councilmember Selby	[]	[]	[]	[]
Supervisor Keding	[]	[]	[]	[]

Sandra L. Quinlan, Town Clerk