

TOWN OF LAKEVILLE
Agricultural Commission
Meeting Minutes
December 11th, 2017

Opening:

This meeting was held at the Lakeville Council on Aging at 1 Dear Crossing, Lakeville MA 02347. This meeting was called to order at 7:32pm on December 11th, 2017 by Paul Hunt.

Present:

Paul Hunt, Shawn Conway, Kelly Conway, Dave Thomas Jr., Tracie Treleaven, Joan Morton

Absent:

Jared Darling, Iain Ward

LakeCAM was present to record the meeting.

Review and vote to approve Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes of November 14th, 2017

Upon a motion made by Joan Morton; seconded by Dave Thomas it was:

VOTED: To approve the Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes of November 14th, 2017 as presented.
Unanimous in favor

Discuss Potomac Horse Fever info session

The informational meeting that we are planning on Potomac Horse Fever is going to be moved to the month of March. Jared Darling is still waiting on official paperwork. There is one confirmed case so far and he is waiting for paperwork on additional cases. Tracie will be in contact with the veterinarians once Jared gives her the contact information to help coordinate any additional supplemental information or packets for the seminar.

Right to Farm continued discussion

Paul Hunt passed out paperwork on other town's Right to Farm by laws. Paul asked us to go over and compare them to others and the states by-laws. Paul suggests going through with the state model and using a notification like what the town of Rochester does to help notify people about the right to farm by-law as they come into the town. We will continue to discuss this topic and will aim for the June town meeting and getting it on the ballot.

Discuss 4H updates.

Dave Thomas is arranging a meeting to go over additional information. He needs to catch up with Nancy Kitchen and one other about the 4H. Kelly Conway offered to put something on the COA newsletter and bulletin to see if anyone else is interested. Paul also mentioned Lakeville helping Lakeville on Facebook as a good source for seeking out volunteers and additional help.

Discuss possible new members

Kelly Conway mentioned that she did talk to Madelyn Masky but she is currently busy and the timing is not right currently but she may be interested in the future. Cindy B is interested and is planning on sending a letter of intent to the board of selectmen for a position on the commission.

Discuss Winterfest planning

The date of the Winterfest celebration is January 28th 1-5 and we have a spot for a table. Paul Hunt's schedule has changed so he is available for the whole day. Shawn Conway and Tracie Treleaven are already committed with horses at Winterfest. Paul mentioned getting some of us together to plan the table out. Kelly Conway suggested holding the table at

the COA so the she can help out as well, as she will be at that location all day. Kelly suggested bringing in some coloring pages for the kids with crayons. Paul Hunt wants old pictures of the ice harvests, frozen bogs, kid's ice skating, and using the same type of game plan that we did at the Lakeville Art Festival. Kelly Conway also suggested some winter squashes and candy at the table will help draw people in as well. Paul will reach out to us as we get closer to the date.

Discuss Lakeville Farmers Market

Kelly Conway contacted Jen Szabo for the management of Lakeville's Farmers Market and hopes that she can get her to attend next month's meeting. We will add this topic to next month's agenda. Paul Hunt discussed where the location should be for the market. Joan Morton suggested reaching out to the Historical Commission for access to the old town hall. Joan Morton mentioned that Ken Elliot said he was willing to give us a list of farmers that might be interested in attending the market. Discussions were also had about starting the farmers market with only produce, leaving out other areas for now and revisiting other areas once we get the market established.

Old business

There is no old business

New business

There is no new business

Any other business that could possibly come before the Agricultural Commission

There is no additional business

Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Paul Hunt; seconded by Joan Morton it was:

VOTED: To adjourn the Agricultural Commission December meeting at 8:00pm.
Unanimous in favor.

Next Meeting Date and Time

The next meeting will be held on January 9, 2018 at 7:30 pm at the Lakeville Council on Aging at 1 Dear Crossing.