

TOWN OF LAKEVILLE  
Agricultural Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 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 7:09 pm on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 by Paul Hunt.

**Present:**

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

**Absent:**

Jared Darling, Iain Ward, Kelly Conway

LakeCAM was present to record the meeting. Audio was recorded for meeting minutes purposes only.

**Review and vote to approve Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2016**

Upon a motion made by Joan Morton; seconded by Ann Gredler it was:

VOTED:           To approve the Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes of December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 as presented.  
Unanimous in favor

**Discuss updates on methods of contacting the Agriculture Commission**

Paul Hunt stated that he is still working on the Agricultural Commission E-mail; and he has been in contact with Rita Garbitt about the situation. There are still problems, and we are told that the Commission is to continue using our personal E-Mails for the time being with diligent caution. We now have a mail box at the town office that we are welcome to check. To get to the mail, go through the main door, take a right, at the bottom of the stairs that lead to the second floor on the left hand side you will see the mail boxes, the Agricultural Commission box is located on the bottom second slot in.

**Discuss updates on putting the Agricultural Commission on the Town site**

Tracie Treleaven communicated with Tracie Craig-McGee. She will set up our page on the town site for us and has asked for a mission statement. This page will hold the information on the members of the Agricultural Commission, our monthly minute's records and main contact info. Tracie Treleaven will continue to work with Tracie Craig-McGee on the development of the page for the commission.

**Discuss outreach and education updates**

Regarding 4-H and outreach, Dave Thomas Jr. contacted UMass talked to Valerie Shell on how to start the clubs; they have people that they can send out to work with you to help you get started if you're interested in being a leader. He also reached out to Mr. Medeiros, the superintendent of the schools who's happy to send out information to the schools parents and students on 4-H clubs but not a questionnaire. Dave Thomas Jr. states the need to find out where the interest lies for students for clubs because there are many different types clubs. You need at least 5 members for an official 4-H club to be formed. Dave Thomas will continue to look further into this for furthering outreach and education for students and the town of Lakeville.

**Old business**

There was no old business to report.

**New business**

Nancy Kitchen talked about her concerns on competing with other farmers markets if and when we decide to start holding farmers markets that we should hold and annual instead of weekly and that we should also consider looking into other

clubs that may have interest as well such as the garden club. Joan will look into other groups to see what their thoughts are and where their interests lie. We also discussed having a table at local events when the Agricultural Commission is ready.

Paul mentioned that Jared wanted to discuss some new business but was unable to attend this meeting last minute. We are also waiting to hear from Iain on updated information that he has obtained from the MAAC and we hope to see him at our next meeting where we can also talk about the right to farm by-law.

#### **Any other business that could possibly come before the Agricultural Commission**

Dennis Santos asked about the monthly meeting minutes and was informed that they will be available as soon as our Agricultural Commission site was up on the Towns web site.

#### **Adjournment**

Upon a motion made by Chairman Paul Hunt; seconded by Dave Thomas Jr. it was:

VOTED:           To adjourn the Agricultural Commission January meeting at 7:34 pm.  
Unanimous in favor.

#### **Next Meeting Date and Time**

The next meeting will be held on February 6, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Lakeville Council on Aging at 1 Dear Crossing, Lakeville MA 02347

**Guests:** Nancy Kitchen & Dennis Santos