

TOWN OF LAKEVILLE
Agricultural Commission
Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2016

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 7:06 pm on December 12th, 2016 by Paul Hunt.

Present:

Paul Hunt, Shawn Conway, Tracie Treleaven, Jared Darling, Joan Morton, Ann Gredler, Kelly Conway

Absent:

Dave Thomas Jr., Iain Ward

LakeCAM was not present to record the meeting. Audio was recorded for meeting minutes purposes only.

Review and vote to approve Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2016

Upon a motion made by Jared Darling; seconded by Joan Morton it was:

VOTED: To approve the Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2016 as presented.
 Unanimous in favor

Discuss possible impacts of question 3

Information was passed out by Tracie Treleaven on question three regarding the information about the conditions of farm animals. Paul Hunt does not think that this law will have much effect on the Town of Lakeville. This will be reposted on next month's meeting as Iain Ward is absent and expressed interest on this topic.

Discuss methods of contacting the Agricultural Commission

Ann Gredler reached out to two towns seeking out information for protocols. E-mails have not been set up yet. The Board of Health currently receives the complaints. Discussions are being had as to how we get contacted and handle specific situations. This is a work in progress

Discuss putting the Agricultural Commission on the town site

Discussions were had on a web site using the site as a tool for contacts, answers to questions, helpful links, events and meeting minutes. Tracie Treleaven will talk to the town hall to seek further information on getting the Agricultural Commission on the towns page.

Discuss attending BOH and BOS meetings

Upon a motion made by Paul Hunt on item 5 on the agenda list, attending BOH and BOS meetings, seconded by Shawn Conway it was:

VOTED: To table item 5, attending BOH and BOS meetings until further notice.
 Unanimous in favor

Discuss outreach and education

Dave Thomas Jr., was looking into education with the schools for 4H and continuing education. Due to Dave's absence we will talk further about the schools next month. Some ideas we would like to implement into the agricultural commission consists of local informal seminars, being a useful resource for other local clubs and establishing a farmers market. Another idea is to create a space for a future 4H, clinics and shows. Jared Darling also talked about creating a fundraiser. For example generating a fund to help people in the winter who can't afford to buy hay for their animals

Old business

There was no old business to report.

New business

There was no old business to report.

Any other business that could possibly come before the agricultural Commission

There was no additional business to discuss

Any other business that may properly come before the meeting

Guests: Nancy Kitchen & Dennis Santos

Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Chairman Paul Hunt; seconded by Shawn Conway it was:

VOTED: To adjourn the Agricultural Commission December meeting at 7:59 pm.
Unanimous in favor.

Next Meeting Date and Time

The next meeting will be held on January 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Lakeville Council on Aging at 1 Dear Crossing, Lakeville MA 02347