

TOWN OF LAKEVILLE  
Agricultural Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
November 14, 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 6:07 pm on November 14<sup>th</sup> 2016 by Paul Hunt.

**Present:**

Paul Hunt, Shawn Conway, Dave Thomas Jr., Tracie Treleaven, Jared Darling, Joan Morton, Ann Gredler, Kelly Conway, Iain Ward

LakeCAM will not be present to record the meeting.

**Review and vote to approve Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2016**

Upon review of the previous meeting minutes a suggestion was made by Iain Ward to list all members of the commission whether present or not.

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

VOTED:           To approve the Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes of October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 as presented.  
Unanimous in favor

**Discussion of the meeting agenda**

Paul Hunt discussed that the commission must post its agenda 48 hours in advance excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. Topics that are listed are to be discussed in that meeting. If a topic for discussion comes up but was not listed, it must be postponed until properly posted and discussed at a future meeting.

**New Business**

Paul Hunt stated that he talked to Rita Garbitt about the Agricultural Commission E-mail address. They have not been set up. We will not have remote access.

Iain Ward asked Paul Hunt to add question three to next month's meeting agenda.

Paul Hunt asked the commission if we were all ok with reaching out to other towns to see how they handle complaints and see if they have any working protocols that they follow and use in their town and with their board of selectman and board of health.

Iain Ward suggested that protocols will help us to provide perspective and help regulate items with other groups and wants this subject to be placed on next months agenda

Jared Darling discussed differences in timing with different types of complaints and how each could be handled differently depending on what actions need to be taken and the type of complaint issued.

Ann Gredler discussed having an agricultural commission web site and E-mail where the public community can reach us as a point of contact for references, questions, concerns ETC. This will be added to next months agenda.

Jared Darling wants to talk about the regulations before addressing the right to farm by law and wants it added to next month's agenda. He wants to discuss who we will send to the Board of Health and to the Board of Selectmen's meetings as a representative to start that process. Iain Ward agrees not making the right to farm by law a priority yet until the committee is further along with protocols and regulations. Other items to focus on are the 4-H, handling complaints, creating proper protocols and regulations followed by the right to farm by-law.

Dave Thomas Jr. mentioned that he will talk to the schools superintendent about getting the youth involved

### **Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss

### **Any other business that may properly come before the meeting**

Kelly Conway informed the committee that on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 the Farm Bureau was having a meeting for those interested in attending

Iain Ward asked if the Board of Health knew if we were holding our meetings. Paul Hunt stated that they are aware of our meetings.

The next month's meeting agenda will be posted on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

### **Adjournment**

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

VOTED:           To adjourn the Agricultural Commission November meeting at 6:48 pm.  
Unanimous in favor.

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

The next meeting will be held on December 12, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Lakeville Council on Aging at 1 Dear Crossing, Lakeville MA 02347

### **List of Documents distributed at the Agricultural Committee's October 11, 2016 Meeting**