TOWN OF LAKEVILLE Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes March 12th, 2018

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 6:06pm on March 12th, 2018 by Paul Hunt.

Present:

Paul Hunt, Kelly Conway, Joan Morton, Dave Thomas Jr.

Absent:

Tracie Treleaven, Iain Ward, Shawn Conway, Jared Darling

LakeCAM was present to record the meeting.

Review Previous Meetings

Discuss Potomac Horse Fever Meeting

The animal inspector will be present at the meeting and there will be an informational meeting being held in regards to the Potomac Horse Fever tonight.

Discuss info from Mass Assoc. Farm Bureau Meeting

Dave Thomas and Paul Hunt both attended this meeting where there were about 40-50 members present a lot of people were from western MA.

Discuss 4H Updates

Dave Thomas contacted Valerie Shell and will be getting together to fill out paperwork to start the process.

Discuss new possible members

Kelly Conway talked to Hank V is interested in becoming an agricultural Commission. Joan Morton also stated that Sandy B is also interested. Both plan to attend next months meeting.

Discuss Farmers Market information

Paul Hunt had a phone discussion with Dereck Masky, he was able to go over to the hospital property to see what the set up was. Although it is well traveled Paul feels that it won't currently suite our needs. He does have a parking lot we could use but there is currently a lot of equipment on the property as well as buildings not being in the best of shape. It may be a great location in the future but he would currently like to move forward with the use of the old town hall or library area. We have the support of the building commissioner we just need someone to help us run the market and gain some additional information.

Any other business that could possibly come before the Agricultural Commission

Paul Hunt stated that fundraising for the Agricultural Commission is needed; we had no funded budget so we have no access for postage through the town hall. Paul was able to get the town to help him this time but we need to figure out how to raise funds and become more independent. This will be on next months agenda.

Immediately following this meeting, the Commission will host the Equine Educational Seminar at the COA @ 7pm

Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Joan Morton; seconded by Kelly Conway it was:

VOTED: To adjourn the Agricultural Commission March 12th meeting at 6:25pm.

Unanimous in favor.

Next Meeting Date and Time

The next meeting will be held in April 9, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Lakeville Council on Aging at 1 Dear Crossing.