

TOWN OF LAKEVILLE  
Agricultural Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
April 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 7:38 pm on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 by Paul Hunt.

**Present:**

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

**Absent:**

Jared Darling, Iain Ward, Kelly Conway,

LakeCAM was present to record the meeting. Audio was recorded for meeting minute's purposes only.

**Review and vote to approve Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes of March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

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

VOTED:           To approve the Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes of March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as presented.  
Unanimous in favor

**Discuss creating an agricultural Commission Facebook page**

A discussion was had for the creation of a Facebook page to help share information with the towns' people including but not limited to events, happenings, or law changes and to help direct people by serving as a resource. All of the attending commission is in favor of this. We would need two administrative people to maintain and operate the site. Joan and Ann volunteer to be the site admins and Tracie agreed to help them set it up. Paul Hunt will bring it to the Board of selectmen for approval.

Upon a motion made by Paul Hunt; seconded by Ann Gredler it was:

VOTED:           To approve the creation of an Agricultural Commissions Facebook Page.  
Unanimous in favor

**Continuing discussion regarding Lakeville specific Right to Farm Bylaw**

Ann brought in Plimpton's right to farm bylaw to look over. After much discussion she will look it over and compare it to the Massachusetts state right to farm bylaw. Paul talked about the ongoing changes in the state with specific laws Iain Ward had also talked in a past meeting about some changes taking place in the state where we might want to hold off or go with the states right to farm by law instead of creating one specific to Lakeville. Shawn Conway and Dave Thomas both agree with using the states by-law and that it is important for the town to have one. It will still need to go through the town. Paul will look into what we need to do with the town council in order to get the law passed in Lakeville seeing that it is already a MA state bylaw.

**Update on newly received chicken complaint**

Paul Hunt discussed a recent chicken complaint. A neighbor's chickens were crossing the road and going on to his property defecating on his porch and grass. Paul Hunt and Shawn Conway went to the location and talked to both parties involved and came upon an agreement. Paul has checked in with the complainant and so far he is happy with the end results, there have not been any problems since.

**Old business**

Dave Thomas passed out a list of clubs and asked the commission to select their top ten for use in the poll. He will start working with the town's administration to create the poll on-line.

### **New business**

Paul Hunt read a letter that Iain Ward sent talking about a booth for the Agricultural Commission for June 10<sup>th</sup> from 9-3pm. Iain Ward will talk more about the booth at our next meeting.

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

Joan Morton talked about the farmers markets and is continuing to look into them. She will talk to Mr. Elliot who owns a farm stand to get his input on the matter for a town farmers market.

### **Adjournment**

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

VOTED:           To adjourn the Agricultural Commission March meeting at 8:17 pm.  
Unanimous in favor.

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

The next meeting will be held on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Lakeville Council on Aging at 1 Dear Crossing, Lakeville MA 02347

**Guests:** Dennis Santos and Nancy Kitchen