

TOWN OF LAKEVILLE
Agricultural Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 11th, 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 7:36 pm on September 11th, 2017 by Paul Hunt.

Present:

Paul Hunt, Dave Thomas Jr., Kelly Conway, Jared Darling, Shawn Conway, Tracie Treleaven

Absent:

Joan Morton, Iain Ward

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 August 14th, 2017

Upon a motion made by Paul Hunt; seconded by Dave Thomas and Jared Darling it was:

VOTED: To approve the Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes of August 14th, 2017 as presented.
Unanimous in favor

Discuss updates Arts Festival participation

Discussions were had as to who will occupy the table at the festival. Paul, Iain, Dave, Shawn and Tracie all volunteered to help out. It is a 7am set up and a 4pm break down of the tent. Paul hunt will supply a table, chairs and a pop up tent for the event. Paul would like to see old and new pictures of farms in the area. There is also a scarecrow contest being held that Paul would us to be a part of. Kelly offered easels for us to use with the table. No Live animals are allowed at the festival. Dave offered to bring hay bales and other decorations.

Right to Farm continued discussion

More discussions were had on the right to farm. Paul stated that Ann Gredler is no longer on the Agricultural Commission. She was heading up the topic for the right to farm by-law. Everyone should read the states right to farm by-law so that we can be more familiar with it. Kelly agrees that we should use the states law and Paul agrees that we should all start to focus on this topic.

Discuss 4H updates

Dave Thomas has created the poll for the 4-H and there is now a link to the poll up on the towns website under the Agricultural Commission link. There is also a link up on the commissions Facebook page for people to follow and fill out. The Facebook page is up and running and currently being used as a source of information for the Town of Lakeville. Dave Thomas has been added as an administrator to the page to help out Tracie with the page.

Discuss Meeting attendance issues

Kelly Conway is back on the Agricultural Commission and there is one open spot that currently needs to be filled. Also Iain will be pulling back as an alternate so an additional alternate position will also be available

Old business

There is no old business to report.

New business

The Agricultural Commission helped a local resident successfully rehome some roosters.

There are some Massachusetts law legislature that is getting voted on its at;
malegislature.com/events/hearings/detail/2724. We should read up on the changes and discuss to see if any of the changes will affect us next month.

Any other business that could possibly come before the Agricultural Commission

The proposed farmers market will start next spring. Kelly Conway talked about having a market manager for the farmers market and will look into finding that person and doing some research on that for us.

Adjournment

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

VOTED: To adjourn the Agricultural Commission March meeting at 8:10pm.
 Unanimous in favor.

Next Meeting Date and Time

The next meeting will be held on October 10, 2017 at 7:30 pm at the Lakeville Council on Aging at 1 Dear Crossing.