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 7:30pm on April 9th, 2018 by Paul Hunt.

Present:

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

Absent:

Iain Ward,

LakeCAM was not present to record the meeting.

Review Previous Meetings

Upon a motion made by Joan Morton; seconded by Dave Thomas it was:

VOTED: To approve the Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes of February 12th, 2018 and March 12th, 2018 as presented. Unanimous in favor

Right to Farm continued

Paperwork was passed out on different local towns Right to Farm by-laws. Paul asked the commission to review the laws and to look at the changes they made to fit their town’s needs.

4H Updates

Dave mentioned that paperwork has been filled out along with CORI forms and they are just waiting on that to be completed before they go ahead with a date, time and location. Anyone who decides to be a 4H chaperon or volunteer will need to be CORI checked first. Dave Thomas wants to gear the 4H to be as much hands on experience as possible. Future ideas consist of horse shows and looking into using unused land to show the young future farmers how to use the land for farming.

Membership updates

Paul Hunt notified the board that as of March 30th Shawn Conway has resigned from the commission. Three people, Hank, Cindy and Katie are still interested in joining the board and hope to attend next month’s meeting.

Farmers Market updates

We are still looking for a farmer’s market manager. Paul has asked us to reach out and see if there is anyone that we know of in the area that can help. Two possible days are Friday evenings or Sundays when the market could be held.

Any other business that could possibly come before the Agricultural Commission

Paul Hunt discussed the idea of raising funds for the commission somehow so we can afford postal services etc. that the commission will need from time to time. Maybe do a food truck event with a local band at Ted Williams or something similar.

Monthly meeting minutes are up to date and are accessible through the town web site.

Future seminars held by the commission should be recorded for people who are unable to attend and made viewable through lake cam.
Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Tracie Treleaven; seconded by Joan Morton it was:

VOTED: To adjourn the Agricultural Commission April 9th meeting at 7:58pm.
Unanimous in favor.

Next Meeting Date and Time

The next meeting will be held in May 14, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Lakeville Council on Aging at 1 Dear Crossing.