

Wolfeboro Agricultural Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
December 6, 2018  
7:00 PM  
Unapproved

**Members present:** Vice Chairman Sarah Silk, David Strauch, Marge Strunk and Macy Gotthardt

**Alternates present:** Blair Moody and Alan Fredrickson

**Members absent:** Chairman Lawreen Strauch, Selectmen's Representative Dave Senecal, Charles Horsken and Wendy Rodgers

**Alternates absent:** Matthew Plache and Bree Schuette

Vice Chairman Silk called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Vice Chairman Silk appointed Alternate Member, Blair Moody to sit in for Member, Charles Horsken and appointed Alternate Member Alan Fredrickson to sit in for Member, Lawreen Strauch.

**Consideration of Minutes**

➤ **May 3, 2017 (Regular Meeting)**

**It was moved by Macy Gotthardt and seconded by Blair Moody to accept the minutes of May 3, 2018 as written. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.**

**Reappointment of Agricultural Commission**

➤ **Members**

**i. Charles Horsken**

Vice Chairman Silk stated she would ask Mr. Horsken if he was still interesting in being reappointed. She stated he has had a conflict with another program he is working on at the Christian School.

**ii. Marge Strunk**

Vice Chairman Silk asked Ms. Strunk if she would be interested in being reappointed.

Ms. Strunk stated she would be interested.

Vice Chairman Silk discussed the steps Ms. Strunk needed to take to be reappointed.

➤ **Alternate Members**

**i. Blair Moody**

Vice Chairman Silk asked Mr. Moody if he would be interested in being reappointed.

Mr. Moody stated he would be interested.

Vice Chairman Silk asked Mr. Moody if Mr. Horsken did not want to be reappointed as a member if he would want to be a member instead of an alternate.

Mr. Moody stated he would be a member.

➤ **Calendar for 2019**

**i. Reserve Community Center Meeting Dates**

Vice Chairman Silk stated she contacted Justin Chaffee to reserve the first Thursday of every month for the Ag Commission to use the Community Center Building except for January 3<sup>rd</sup> and July 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Commission discussed the condition of the Community Center because at a Board of Selectmen Meeting it was discussed on whether the building should be closed because of mold issues. The Board of Selectmen will be touring the Community Center on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Vice Chairman Silk stated she would be attending this meeting and encouraged other members to attend. Linda Murray was the only Selectmen interested in making repairs to the building to keep it opened. Vice Chairman Silk stated the Community Center is used by the Quilters, Ag Commission, Karate Studio and private citizens for special events. She felt the Community Center should be kept opened and stated the issues that are being discussed are not new issues.

➤ **2018 Town Book Report**

The Commission discussed the draft of the Ag report for the 2018 Town Report that Vice Chairman Silk had written. The Commission added the words hay, cheese and milk to the products being produced. (See Attached Draft)

➤ **Old Business**

**i. Status Ag Readers at Library (Bree)**

The Commission tabled this item since Ms. Schuette was not present.

➤ **New Business**

**i. Recent Farm Bureau Activities – Annual Meeting/Open Farm Pot Lucks**

Vice Chairman Silk stated the Annual Meeting was held at Tumbledown Farm.

Mr. Strauch stated there was 3 Open Farm Pot Lucks this year.

**ii. Meet with Other Local Ag Commissions**

Vice Chairman Silk stated we have tried a few times to meet with a woman from the Tuftonboro Ag Commission although the dates never worked out. We would like to try to meet with other Ag Commissions in the surrounding areas to see what projects they are working on. She suggested trying to set up times for the April, May or June meetings.

### **iii. Discuss July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade, Open Farm Day and Lists of Barns**

Vice Chairman Silk suggested talking about the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and the Open Farm Day at the June Meeting.

Vice Chairman Silk stated she had several inquiries if the Ag Commission had a list of barns in Wolfeboro. She suggested maybe working on this by calling the Assessing Department because they might be able to give us a list.

Ms. Gotthardt asked if the list should be for all barns or just old barns.

Vice Chairman Silk stated all barns.

The Commission discussed some different barns in Town.

Mr. Frederickson stated in today's agriculture world a lot of the barns are not really functional. The old barns are very historic and scenic.

#### **➤ New Business**

Vice Chairman Silk discussed an article she had read about concerning hormones and beef. It was determined the amount of estradiol in two hamburgers eaten in one day by an 8 year old boy could increase his total hormone levels by as much as ten percent.

Mr. Frederickson questioned where the article was from.

Vice Chairman Silk stated it was an online article from an organic site written by Doctor Samuel S. Epstein (University of Illinois Chicago School of Public Health Cancer Prevention Coalition). They talked about the increase in cancer in people. They are linking the increase to all the extra hormones in beef.

Vice Chairman Silk asked the Commission if they had any suggestions for projects for next year. She suggested planting seedlings with children. Spider Web Gardens does a lot of projects so maybe the Commission could work with them. GALA has a new building and they are always looking for new ideas.

The Commission discussed solar energy.

#### **➤ Adjournment**

**It was moved by Blair Moody and seconded by Macy Gotthardt to adjourn at 7:50 PM. Being none opposed, the motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Michele Chamberlain**

Recording Secretary