

Wolfeboro Agricultural Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2019
7:00 PM
Unapproved

Members present: Chairman Lawreen Strauch, Vice Chairman Sarah Silk, Selectmen's Representative Dave Senecal, David Strauch, Marge Strunk, Blair Moody and Macy Gotthardt

Members absent: Wendy Rodgers

Alternates absent: Alan Fredrickson, Matthew Plache and Bree Schuette

Chairman Strauch called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

➤ **Status of DeVlyder Tree Planting**

Chairman Strauch stated Dave Strauch and Marge Strunk planted the tree for Mr. DeVlyder at Clark Plaza.

Vice Chairman Silk stated the apple tree was planted inside the white fenced in area. Mark Lush will water it.

➤ **Memorial Plaque Status/Determine Date of Presentation**

Chairman Strauch stated the plaque was ordered on August 1st. It will take approximately 4 to 6 weeks for it to be delivered so it should be ready the first or second week in September.

Vice Chairman Silk stated she talked with Kurt DeVlyder. Ms. DeVlyder would like it to be a small gathering consisting of just the Ag Commission, the Farm Bureau and her immediate family. They are available on October 12, 13, 14, 20, 26 or 27. Anna, her daughter, is a teacher so she is not available during the week.

The Commission discussed the dates and decided on October 20th at 1:30 PM for a brief ceremony to place the plaque.

Chairman Strauch stated she will let the Farm Bureau know and will contact Elissa so she can take a photo for the Granite State News.

➤ **Financing of the Tree**

Vice Chairman Silk stated the cost of the tree was \$320.00. The Town allotted \$250.00 from the Parks and Recreation budget so we need to cover difference of \$70.00.

Each member present (Sarah Silk, Marge Strunk, Lawreen Strauch, Dave Strauch, Dave Senecal, Macy Gotthardt and Blair Moody) donated \$10.00 to pay the balance that was owed to Kurt Titus for Dennis DeVlyder's tree.

Vice Chairman Silk asked Ms. Chamberlain to bring the donated money of \$70.00 cash so it could be deposited and then paid to Kurt Titus.

➤ **50th Earth Day Celebration**

Vice Chairman Silk stated Susan Fuller was interested in having the Ag Commission participate in a 50th celebration of Earth Day with GALA and the First Congregational Church. Ms. Silk questioned if the Ag Commission was interested in doing a joint project. Ms. Fuller could come to our next meeting and talk about it if we are interested.

The Ag Commission agreed Ms. Fuller should come to the next meeting.

➤ **Other Business – Open Farm Day**

Chairman Strauch stated we had an article with two pictures in the Granite State News advertising for Farm Day. Chairman Strauch stated attendance was poor for Open Farm Day.

Bly Farm – few in attendance

Full Moon Farm – none

No View Farm – 20

Iron Bog Farm – 10

Top of the Hill Farm – will have to ask Alan but probably had about the same as No View Farm

Vice Chairman Silk stated we skipped last year so that might be why attendance was poor.

The Commission discussed having Farm Day at another time of year because there is not much to show customers in the spring

➤ **Other Business – Budget Request**

The Commission discussed asking for a small budget for the Ag Commission to help with projects such as the 50th Earth Day Celebration this year.

Vice Chairman Silk stated our secretary is paid out of the Selectmen's Budget.

➤ **Other Business – Next Meeting**

The Commission decided the next two dates for meetings would be October 3rd and December 5th. They would stay with the 1st Thursday of the month to make it easier for members to attend. A meeting was not needed in November.

➤ **Adjournment**

It was moved by Dave Strauch and seconded by Marge Stunk to adjourn at 7:42 PM. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Chamberlain, Recording Secretary