

WOLFEBORO AGRICULTURE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 1, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lawreen Strauch, Chair; David Strauch; Wendy Rodgers; Marge Strunk

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Sarah Silk, Vice-Chair; Blair Moody

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carolyn Fredrickson; Dennis DeVlyder; Charles Horsken

ALTERNATES ABSENT: Mark Lush; Alan Fredrickson; Karen DeVlyder;

OTHERS ABSENT: Dave Senecal, BOS liaison

I. Call to Order:

Lawreen Strauch, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:15 PM at the Community Center. She appointed Sarah Silk to sit for Carolyn Fredrickson and Blair Moody to sit for Dennis DeVlyder. (Note: At 7 PM, prior to opening the meeting, Sarah had reviewed the contact list for correctness and sought phone numbers for those not present.)

Lawreen announced that Sarah would be acting secretary as Amy Capone-Muccio had a conflicting obligation.

II. Public Input:

There was no public input as no one from the public was present.

III. Consideration of 10-13-2016 Meeting Minutes:

Wendy Rodgers referred to New Business at the top of page 2 relative to the t-shirt project: Mark Lush was to be her contact with the high school programs and students as regards submissions of designs and timing in the school year for the project.

Wendy added that she now believes later in the year may be better timing and she would like to add the elementary school for design submissions.

Sarah Silk made the motion to accept the 10-13-16 Meeting Minutes as amended. With a second from Wendy, the vote was unanimous to accept.

IV. Annual Report:

The draft notes for the Annual Report were reviewed for additions and deletions. Lawreen commented that 5 years ago there were only 5 vendors at the Farmers Market compared to the current average of 27 and the 17-18 at the new winter market at the Congo Church 1st and 3rd Saturdays.

With a motion from Wendy and a second from Marge Strunk, the draft was approved with a unanimous vote.

V. Old Business – T-shirt update from Wendy:

Sarah reported she had checked with Peter Chamberlain, Financial Director, and any money collected toward the purchase and printing of t-shirts could be donated to the Town specifically for that project.

Wendy asked if Sarah had checked on a process for funds for an Ag Commission scholarship. Sarah advised she had not, apologized for the misunderstanding, and said she would speak with Peter again before the next meeting.

There was a general discussion regarding a scholarship the Conservation Commission discontinued as there was a lack of interest by students (also GWRSD was often still in session when the camp started in June). Marge noted the Farm Bureau had no applicants for 2 years for their funds and Lawreen commented on 4H camp opportunities.

VI. Any Other Business:

There was a discussion regarding the meeting schedule for 2017. Sarah will submit the Annual Report to Anne Marble for the Town Report such that there is no pressing business for January. Alternating months has worked well with all Ag members being extremely busy in the summer months with crops, animals, and the Farmers Market.

- Mark Lush,

Activities needing discussion will be the 4th of July Parade (June), Open Farm Day early August (July contact with GSN for article), any Ag issues that may arise from Farm Bureau that should come before the Commission (like porcine virus a year ago), t-shirt project early 2017 with Wendy/Mark to notify the Chair when more details are available necessitating a meeting.

March is the time for Ag members to review and reapply for appointment. Four spots are up in 2017 (members - Carolyn Fredrickson, and Lawreen Strauch; alternates Mark Lush and Alan Fredrickson.)

VII. Adjournment:

With a motion from David Strauch and a second from Blair Moody, the group voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:45 PM. Members enjoyed shared refreshments at the end of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah M Silk, Acting Secretary

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