

Wolfeboro Agricultural Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2019
7:00 PM
Approved

Members present: Chairman Lawreen Strauch, Vice Chairman Sarah Silk, David Strauch, Marge Strunk, Wendy Rodgers and Selectmen's Representative Dave Senecal

Alternates present: Alan Fredrickson

Members absent: Macy Gotthardt

Alternates absent: Blair Moody, Matthew Plache and Bree Schuette

Chairman Strauch called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Chairman Strauch appointed Alternate Member, Alan Fredrickson to sit in for Member, Macy Gotthardt.

Consideration of Minutes

➤ **December 6, 2018 (Regular Meeting)**

It was moved by Vice Chairman Silk and seconded by Marge Strunk to accept the minutes of December 6, 2018 as written. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

Reappointment of Agricultural Commission

➤ **Members**

i. Marge Strunk

Chairman Strauch questioned if Ms. Strunk had been sworn in yet.

Ms. Strunk stated Karen Parton swore her in yesterday.

ii. Blair Moody

Vice Chairman Silk stated she would call Mr. Moody.

Chairman Strauch questioned if Mr. Moody had agreed to become a full member.

Vice Chairman Silk stated she thought he was interested.

Vice Chairman Silk questioned if the vacancy were posted in the paper.

Ms. Chamberlain stated they would have to check with Ms. Capone-Muccio.

Mr. Strauch stated he did not think there were any vacancies in the newspaper for the Ag Commission. He thought he saw openings for the Conservation Committee and the Energy Committee.

Chairman Strauch stated we need to get in touch with Mr. Moody.

Vice Chairman Silk stated she would call him tomorrow.

➤ **Alternate Members**

Chairman Strauch questioned Mr. Fredrickson if Lucy Ann Dubios might be interested in being an alternate member.

Mr. Fredrickson stated he thought she might be interested and supplied her phone number (998-3432) for Ms. Silk to call her.

➤ **Memorial Tree/Farm Bureau Discussion**

Chairman Strauch stated the Farm Bureau wanted to honor Dennis DeVyllder for his service. She suggested that the Ag Commission might like to help with this project. She passed around a card for members to sign to give to Mr. DeVyllder's family.

The Board agreed they would like to help.

Chairman Strauch stated there were suggestions to purchase a tree and plaque at the Farm Bureau Meeting. The Farm Bureau suggested planting the tree at the Nick.

Vice Chairman Silk suggested planting an apple tree at Clark Park. Mr. DeVyllder wanted to become a vendor at the Farmer's Market before he became sick. We have a tree warden in Wolfeboro, Kirk Titus. There have been a lot of trees planted that were not native trees and he is trying to get them to plant native trees there.

Mr. Fredrickson stated he was unhappy with the Wolfeboro Farmer's Market. They have a new president and she has revamped the rules. Mr. Fredrickson stated he walked out of the last meeting and will be resigning.

Ms. Rodgers stated there were a lot of problems with the Wolfeboro Farmer's Market. They are allowing vendors from Maine and New Hampshire vendors can not vendor in Maine.

Ms. Silk stated it is because of the fifty mile radius that we have here.

Ms. Rodgers stated it was supposed to be for local farmers.

Ms. Silk stated if the tree was planted in the Clark Park then we would need to coordinate with Christine Collins, Parks and Recreation Director. Ms. Collins thought a crab apple tree not be good.

Mr. Fredrickson stated he would like to plant a Sugar Maple.

Ms. Silk stated the plaque would have to be flat so they could mow over it.

Chairman Strauch questioned if the Ag Commission Members were interested in helping the Farm Bureau in honoring Dennis DeVyder with a tree.

The Board discussed sharing the cost of the tree and plaque with the Farm Bureau. It was decided that Ms. Silk would ask the Board of Selectmen for \$250.00 at the next Board of Selectmen Meeting.

It was moved by Wendy Rodgers and seconded by Marge Strunk to approach the Selectmen for a donation in helping to establish a memorial tree for Dennis DeVyder. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

Mr. Fredrickson stated if they could not get the money from the Board of Selectmen he did not think it would be hard to raise the money. He felt plenty of people would donate because Mr. DeVyder donated to a lot of organizations during his lifetime.

➤ **Mindi Messmer Toxics Program**

Chairman Strauch stated there was an article in the Granite State News about Mindi Messmer bringing awareness to contamination of drinking water in New Hampshire. She spoke at the Wakefield Congregational Church. They are trying to get the EPA to help them. New Hampshire has the highest in the nation childhood cancer rates and highest rates in bladder, breast and esophageal cancer in the nation. Effingham and Tuftonboro were towns listed that have problems with their water. Ms. Messmer does a presentation and shows a movie. Chairman Strauch wondered if this was something the Ag Commission wanted to participate in.

Ms. Rodgers stated she would like to listen to the presentation.

The other members agreed.

Ms. Silk stated maybe GALA or the Wentworth Watershed Association might help in promoting this event.

Mr. Senecal stated the Commission should check with the Wentworth Watershed Association because she might already be a speaker at their Water Summit workshop in May.

Ms. Silk stated she would check to make sure Ms. Messmer was not going to be a guest speaker at the Wentworth Watershed Workshop.

➤ **Old Business**

i. July 4th Parade

Mr. Strauch stated he was interested in participating in the parade.

ii. Open Farm Day

The Commission discussed having Open Farm Day the first Sunday in August following the Street Fair since there will be a lot of people in Town.

It was moved by Alan Fredrickson and seconded by Dave Strauch that the Wolfeboro Agriculture Commission host Open Farm Day the first Sunday in August. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

The Commission discussed the farms that could participate in Farm Day.

Mr. Fredrickson suggested asking the new owners of DeVyllder's Farm, Full Moon Farm and Bly Farm.

Chairman Strauch stated NoView Farm and Top of the Hill Farm would be participating. She suggested asking Barbara Dalpe the owner of Bog Iron Farm.

➤ **New Business**

i. Election of Officers- next meeting

The Commission decided to table this until their next meeting on May 5th.

ii. Rules of Procedure – next meeting

Ms. Silk asked Ms. Chamberlain if she had the Rules of Procedures.

Ms. Chamberlain stated she did not bring them but they could get the information from Amy Cappone-Muccio, Town Administrator Assistant.

Ms. Silk stated they would review them at their next meeting on May 5th.

➤ **Meeting Dates for 2019**

The Commission discussed the dates for meetings in 2019. It was decided to meet on May 2nd, June 6th, and December 5th. Ms. Silk stated dates could be added if needed.

➤ **Adjournment**

**It was moved by Dave Strauch and seconded by Alan Fredrickson to adjourn at 8:20 PM.
Being none opposed, the motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Chamberlain

Recording Secretary