

Wolfeboro Agricultural Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
May 4, 2017

**Members present:** Chairman Lawreen Strauch, Vice Chairman Sarah Silk, David Strauch, Marge Strunk, and Dennis DeVyllder

**Alternates present:** Karen DeVyllder and Bree Schuette

**Members absent:** Charles Horsken, Wendy Rogers and Selectmen's Representative Dave Senecal

**Alternates absent:** Alan Frederickson and Blair Moody

Chairman Strauch called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. She entertained a motion to bring the alternates to the table.

**It was moved by Sarah Silk and Chairman Strauch to bring the alternates to the table. Being all in favor, the motion passed.**

Chairman Strauch had members introduce themselves to new alternate member, Bree Schuette and recording secretary, Michele Chamberlain.

Vice Chairman Silk updated the roster list. She stated Bree Schuette and Alan Frederickson would be alternate members with terms ending in 2020. Ms. Silk stated she would be a full member with her term ending in 2020. Also, she stated that since Mark Lush would not be renewing his term another alternate member could be appointed.

**Public Input**

None

**Consideration of Minutes**

➤ **March 2, 2017**

**It was moved by Marge Strunk and seconded by Dennis DeVyllder to accept the minutes of March 2, 2017 as written. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.**

**Commission Business**

➤ **Forgotten Farms**

Chairman Strauch stated she had friends that were involved in the event. The event was at the music hall on April 27<sup>th</sup> in Portsmouth. Chairman Strauch discussed showing the movie in Wolfeboro with the director and producer when she attended the event.

The Board discussed showing the movie in Wolfeboro.

Chairman Strauch stated there were certain criteria for showing the movie.

Karen DeVlyder questioned what the criteria were to show the movie.

Vice Chairman Silk stated she checked with Mr. Owen about showing the movie in the Town Hall. Mr. Owen stated the Agriculture Commission could use the Great Hall at no cost but there is no production equipment. Vice Chairman Silk stated Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Department, Justin Chafee would allow them to use the equipment that they have for showing movies at Foss Field in the summer. Mr. Chafee asked about the format of the movie.

Vice Chairman Silk told Mr. Chafee it was in a Blu-ray format.

Mr. Chafee told Vice Chairman Silk that he did not have a Blu-ray player at this time about one could be purchased at Walmart for a small cost.

Dave Strauch asked if the Great Hall could be darkened to show the movie.

Vice Chairman Silk stated she would check about darkening the room.

Vice Chairman Silk stated they would need to select dates that would not interfere with the summer movies at Foss Field every other Friday since they would be using the equipment from the Parks and Recreation Department.

Vice Chairman Silk stated David Simmons and Sarah Gardner are present when the movie is shown for questions and answers following the movie.

Vice Chairman Silk discussed options on how to advertise the showing of the movie. She stated the cost to the AG Commission is \$250.00 to show the movie.

The Commission discussed how much they would need to charge individuals to see the movie and a possible date for showing the movie.

The Commission agreed to show the movie to promote agricultural awareness and would look into dates that were available.

Vice Chairman Silk stated there are other options besides using the Great Hall to show the movie. The Village Players Theater and Brewster's Anderson Hall were options the Commission could look into using for showing the movie.

➤ **July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade**

Chairman Strauch asked if the Commission wanted to participate in the parade as a group or as individuals.

Dennis DeVyllder stated he thought he would be doing a float this year but wasn't certain at this time.

Chairman Strauch and David Strauch would be participating.

Chairman Strauch stated they would make a sign for Wolfeboro Agriculture.

➤ **Farm Day**

Chairman Strauch stated Farm Day is the first Sunday in August. It will be August 6<sup>th</sup> this year from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

The Commission agreed that everyone would participate again this year.

Bree Schuette offered to help with public relations.

Vice Chairman Silk asked Ms. Schuette if she could update the Facebook Page.

Ms. Schuette agreed.

**Old Business**

Vice Chairman Silk asked about going to the farming forest.

Chairman Strauch stated yes we talked about it at the last meeting.

Vice Chairman Silk stated Ag Commissioner, Merrill is interested in having the LRHHPF hazardous waste program at her hazardous waste program this year.

**New Business**

Vice Chairman Silk stated at the Selectmen's Meeting last night two more people received the RSA 79-D tax break for their old barns.

Dennis DeVyllder questioned what was considered historic.

Vice Chairman Silk stated it just has to be an old barn. She stated she would like to have a list of the historic barns.

Dennis DeVyllder stated he had applied to the Farmer's Market this year and he was refused because too many vendors were selling the same things. He stated he has been a

Wolfeboro resident and a farmer in Town for 40 years. He felt the Farmer's Market Board should not be able to refuse a Wolfeboro resident from participating in the Farmer's Market.

Vice Chairman Silk stated he should talk to the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. DeVyder stated he would. He asked for the Commission's opinions.

David Strauch stated he thought Wolfeboro residents had precedent over others.

Mr. DeVyder stated the Town lets the Farmer's Market use Town land for free but the Farmer's Market Board can determine who sells their merchandise at the market.

Vice Chairman Silk stated they can also tell you how much to charge for items.

The Commission agreed that they need to discuss this with the Board of Selectmen.

Vice Chairman Silk stated at the next meeting the Commission needs to review its Rules of Procedure.

The Commission's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM.

*Being no further business before the Commission, Chairman Strauch entertained a motion to adjourn.*

**It was moved by Dennis DeVyder and seconded by Marge Strunk to adjourn at 8:22 PM. Being none opposed, the motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Michele Chamberlain*

Recording Secretary