

Town of Boscawen, NH

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Boscawen Municipal Complex

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 8, 2015

Commissioners Present: John Keegan, Elaine Clow, and William Bevans

Alternate Commissioners Present: Tom Danko, John Porter

Commissioner Absent: Angela Swyers, Tina Larochelle

Commissioner Absent (Ex Officio): Roger Sanborn

Alternate Commissioner Absent: Ken Marshall

Others present:

Chairman Keegan called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. and appointed Tom Danko and John Porter to voting status.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Elaine Clow and seconded by Bill Bevans to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2015 meeting as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Accounting Report

Chairman Keegan asked that approval of the accounting report be deferred to the November 12th meeting as the \$15 difference remains outstanding.

Motion was made by Elaine Clow to postpone review of the October accounting report to the November meeting. Tom Danko seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Land Use Happenings

Horse Riding Stable: Chairman Keegan reported the AgComm report had been accepted by the Planning Board's Technical Review Committee which approved the application for Site Plan Review on September 24, 2015.

Egg Farm: Tom Giovagnoli has purchased the property on Route 4 and will begin house construction soon. Work on the poultry barn will begin in the spring.

Lubit List Update: Chairman Keegan circulated the most recent list and asked those present to review and update their contact information which he will send to Kellee.

Old Business:

Agritourism Update: Alan, Kellee, Bruce, Elaine and JohnK will be attending the Municipal Association Training Program on Local Regulation of Agriculture on October 14.

46 Legislative Update: There are two Agritourism related bills in draft for the upcoming legislative
47 session which Bruce is monitoring.
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49 Farm & Forest Expo: Due to the presidential primary the Expo will be held January 22nd and 23rd this
50 year. JohnP, Bruce, and JohnK are working with the NH Coalition for Sustaining Agriculture to
51 present a workshop on the shared use commercial kitchen feasibility study written by Charlene
52 Andersen and Rose Wilson on Friday, the 22nd.
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54 Education Program: Vice Chairwoman Elaine Clow reported John Porter's presentation on October 4th
55 attracted about 20 people. Reviews were very positive from both the presenter and attendees. The
56 November 2nd program will be Ann LaCroix talking about 'Time to Put Your Garden to Bed & Prepare
57 for the Next Year'. The December program is not finalized. Elaine is looking for program ideas.
58 Pending programs are emerald Ash Borer (EAB) with Tim Fleury and Chickens with Dot Perkins.
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60 Community Garden Update: There is minor clean-up to do around the bins and herb garden which is
61 planned for the 13th. The cover crop is awaiting Roger plowing the last half of the plot.
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63 **New Business:**

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65 Municipal Association Annual Meeting: Chairman Keegan announced the meeting will take place
66 November 19th and 20th. If any members are interested in attending all or part of the Conference
67 contact Kellee. FYI, one of the sessions on the 19th will examine Tom Giovagnoli's experience in
68 Dunbarton.
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70 **A motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chairwoman Clow and was seconded by Tom Danko. All**
71 **Commission members approved and the meeting ended at 8:15 p.m.**
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73 The next regular meeting of the Agricultural Commission will be held on November 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
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75 *Minutes are respectfully submitted by John Keegan*
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