

Town of Boscawen
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
Boscawen Municipal Complex
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 7:00 PM

1 Members Present: John Keegan – Chair, Julie Fournier, John Porter, Bill Bevans- Vice Chair,
2 Rusty Colby. Josh Marshall

3 Members Absent: Tina Larochelle

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5 Chair Keegan opened the public meeting at 7:00pm.

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7 Roll call completed by Chair Keegan

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9 **Review and Acceptance of Prior Meeting Minutes:**

- 10 • **Josh Marshall made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by John**
11 **Porter. All in favor. None opposed.**

12 **Financial Report:**

13 Chair Keegan questioned if the \$750 was added in for the Woodbury Fund. Mrs. Easler said she
14 is not sure if it will appear on this but will confirm with Katie. Chair Keegan said they should
15 approve this next meeting.

16 **Land Use Happenings:**

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18 **New Business:**

- 19 • Mrs. Easler said she spoke with Joe Pustizzi’s girlfriend who was looking for information
20 on the process of having campsites on their property. Mrs. Easler said she explained it
21 would be a good idea to have a Site Walk with the Commission. Mrs. Easler said they are
22 also looking at having housing for farm workers.
23 • Chair Keegan said he spoke with Tom Giovagnoli about the expansion of his chicken
24 barn and he is working through the financial process now.

25 **Old Business:**

- 26 • Roundabout- Chair Keegan said they held a meeting on January 31st and the main focus
27 was safety. They discussed parking and water. Chair Keegan said he is waiting on cost
28 from the precinct about getting water to the site. Mr. Porter questioned if they could do
29 anything for the water for Nancy Towle who tends the flowers by the lights. Chair
30 Keegan said they can investigate this. Chair Keegan said the second option for water is to
31 have a tank to hold water. Mr. Porter said he has a tank they can use. Chair Keegan said
32 Bev Drouin has taken on the brainstorming for plantings. Mr. Porter said he spoke with
33 Barbara Rollins at DOT, she said the site has roughly 800 lilac bulbs already. Chair
34 Keegan said they discussed fundraising and currently have \$2,000 for this project.
35 • Community Garden- Ms. Fournier said the forms are being updated and are almost ready
36 to go with NH Gleens added. Ms. Fournier said Hillary Bailey is responsible for

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37 gathering produce at the two donated plots. Mr. Colby questioned how this works for
38 produce donation. Ms. Fournier said there are two plots that are donated to this program
39 and all produce grown are directly donated. Ms. Fournier said if plots in the garden have
40 too many vegetables they can donate. If someone has too many plants in their garden,
41 they can give permission for Hillary to pick and donate as well. Mr. Marshall said it
42 would be a good idea to set up a spot for donated produce weekly. Ms. Fournier said
43 people do contact this program to donate food directly from their yards and volunteers
44 will come out and pick. Mrs. Easler said they could have some information out for this
45 during Town voting.

- 46 • Crop Theft Law- Chair Keegan said it was discussed briefly at the last meeting about
47 holding an informational meeting about this law. Mr. Marshall said he spoke with Rob
48 Johnson, the NH Farm Bureau Policy Director and was enthusiastic to be apart of this.
49 Mr. Marshall said it would be best to give him a few different options for dates. Mr.
50 Marshall brought up the concern of holding it outside at a farm due to weather and
51 convenience. It would be easier to hold it at the Town Office. Chair Keegan questioned
52 who should be invited. Mr. Marshall said they should invite Police Chiefs, farmers and
53 questioned the prosecutors. Mrs. Easler said the Police Administrator Lynne could help
54 give direction for prosecutors. Mr. Marshall said he will reach out to her. Chair Keegan
55 said he thinks this would be good to present as a model to other counties. Chair Keegan
56 questioned the timing of this. Mr. Marshall said before the end of April. Mr. Porter
57 suggested before April 15th. Mr. Marshall said Easter is April 12 so before that may be
58 good.
- 59 • Mrs. Easler questioned how the NH Milk is going. Mr. Marshall said it is at a standstill at
60 this point.

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62 **Adjournment: Motion made at 7:40pm by Josh Marshall and seconded by Rusty Colby to**
63 **adjourn. All in favor. None opposed.**

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65 *Respectfully submitted, Danielle Bosco*