

Town of Boscawen
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
Boscawen Municipal Complex
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 7:00 PM

1 Members Present: John Keegan – Chair, Julie Fournier, John Porter, Bill Bevens- Vice Chair,
2 Tina Larochelle, Rusty Colby

3 Members Absent: Josh Marshall

4 Others Present: Danielle Bosco- Recording Secretary, Kellee Jo Easler – Planning & Community
5 Development Director, Hillary Bailey- Conservation District of Merrimack County local food
6 Coordinator, Jeff Abbe

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

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10 Roll call completed by Chair Keegan

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

13 Mrs. Larochelle made the following corrections, line 30, 36, 34- Gleens, Line 43- remove ?,
14 Chair Keegan recommended on line 28 they address the section as Ken Marshall Memorial
15 Garden. **Tina Larochelle made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded by**
16 **Julie Fournier. All in favor. None opposed.**

17 **Financial Report:**

18 **Motion made to accept the Financial Report for January 1, 2019 – November 14, 2019 by**
19 **Bill Bevens and seconded by Tina Larochelle. All in favor, none opposed.**

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21 **Land Use Happenings:**

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- 23 • Agritourism Program- Mrs. Larochelle said she went to a conference regarding
24 Agritourism. Mrs. Larochelle said that Agritourism is permitted across the state but it
25 does depend on the Town’s Planning and Zoning regulations. Mrs. Larochelle explained
26 how she had school kids come to the Orchard and it showed families what the Orchard
27 had to offer. Mrs. Larochelle said the conference was very informative. Mrs. Larochelle
28 said the state receives 4 million dollars from Agritourism.
 - 29 • Report on Municipal Association Property Tax Assessment Training- Mr. Porter said
30 himself and Chair Keegan attended the NH Municipal training. Mr. Porter said they
31 submitted a request for this training to the Municipal Training. Mr. Porter said the
32 training went well, informative and she kept the audience engaged. Chair Keegan said he
33 enjoyed the training and thought it was very well put together.

34 **Old Business:**

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- 36 • Welcome Signs-The Committee discussed taking down the hanging signs. Jeff said he
would take down the signs and put them in the shed

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- 37 • Ken Marshall Memorial Garden- Mr. Abbe showed the Committee a map of the plots and
38 which ones were taken suggesting two plots for the NH Gleens program. Hillary Bailey
39 thought the plots looked good and agreed to mark those for the program. Ms. Fournier
40 suggested putting a sign NH Gleens program at these plots. Ms. Bailey said she can get a
41 logo for the sign. Mr. Abbe said cleanup was at about 60% this year. Jeff said he
42 purchased the spigots for the extension.
- 43 • Farmers Market- Ms. Bailey will be touching base with Sarah Gerlack about this.
- 44 • Natural Resource Inventory- Mr. Abbe said they have formulated a survey and are trying
45 to get as many people to take it as they can. Mr. Abbe asked if every member could take
46 the survey as well as reach out to 5 other Residents to take it. Mrs. Easler said they could
47 bring copies to the school for kids to take home. Mr. Abbe said doing the survey online
48 would be best because they have to figure out a way to count them. Mr. Abbe said the
49 survey takes about 10 minutes.

50 **New Business:**

- 51 • Roundabout- Chair Keegan said the Selectman have just received an agreement on
52 maintenance for the roundabout and have asked the Commission to take it over. Chair
53 Keegan said they are testing the soil. Mrs. Larochelle said this is going to be a large
54 project and the Commission can't do all the upkeep. Chair Keegan said many volunteers
55 have already stepped up showing interest in the upkeep. Chair Keegan said a Resident
56 recently passed and his family asked for donations for this project and several hundred
57 dollars have been raised. Mr. Porter said this spot will get a lot of attention as people
58 come into town. Ms. Fournier offered any help for this project that Chair Keegan needs.
59 Mr. Abbe brought up safety concerns for parking.
- 60 • National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition- Chair Keegan said he has given all
61 Committee members information on this if they wish to look it over.
- 62 • American Chestnut Restoration Project- Ms. Fournier said that online there is a locator
63 form for anyone that has chestnuts on their property to fill out. The group will come out
64 and look and test the chestnuts.

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66 **Adjournment: Motion made at 8:12pm by Rusty Colby and seconded by Bill Bevans to**
67 **adjourn. All in favor. None opposed.**

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69 *Respectfully submitted, Danielle Bosco*