

**Town of Boscawen**  
**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**  
**Boscawen Municipal Complex**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, December 18, 2019 at 7:00 PM**

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

3 Members Absent: Josh Marshall

4 Others Present: Jared Reynolds-

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

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8 Roll call completed by Chair Keegan

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

- 11 • Ms. Fournier said line 13 made the corrections on the minutes. **Bill Bevens made a**  
12 **motion to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded by Rusty Colby. All in favor.**  
13 **None opposed.**

14 **Financial Report:**

15 Chair Keegan said he spoke with Mrs. Easler, the expenditures from Mr. Abbe are included in  
16 this. Mr. Bevens questioned why the landscaping is now in this budget. Chair Keegan said he  
17 believes this is because the Commission will be heading up this project. Mr. Bevens said he  
18 thinks it should come out of the Town beautification budget. Chair Keegan said it may be part of  
19 a donation. Mr. Porter said they could leave a question mark on that portion. **Motion made to**  
20 **accept the Financial Report for January 1, 2019 – December 18, 2019 with a question mark**  
21 **on landscaping by Julie Fournier and seconded by Bill Bevens. All in favor, none opposed.**

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23 **Land Use Happenings:**

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25 **Old Business:**

- 26 • Agritourism- Chair Keegan said he has given everyone a handout for informational  
27 purposes on Agritourism  
28 • Town Report- All members read over the report. Ms. Fournier questioned if it should be  
29 clarified how many welcome signs they have and not just the four that have been  
30 replaced. Chair Keegan said they can change it to five signs. Mr. Porter corrected several  
31 typos.  
32 • Roundabout- Chair Keegan said the soil testing has come back and it gives them a  
33 baseline where the soil is at. Chair Keegan said he spoke with the Police Department  
34 about details of the project as well as Dean Hollins about a trailer they can use and road  
35 signs to put up. After the New Year he will organize a meeting. Ms. Fournier said she  
36 spoke to many Residents who are excited to see this project.

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37 **New Business:**

- 38       • L Chip Award to Morrill's Farm- Chair Keegan said there is a piece in the minutes from  
39       the Conservation Commission minutes that says the money has been collected for this  
40       including the NRCS funding, the easement is moving along wonderfully.
- 41       • Commercial Kitchen Proposal- Chair Keegan said there is a proposal for a Commercial  
42       Kitchen at the Beede building in Penacook. Chair Keegan said there was a report done in  
43       2015 that he has given to everyone. Chair Keegan said the report is well done. Jared  
44       Reynolds said they have been working at the Beede building and half will be rentable  
45       office space, the other half will be a woodshop, metal shop, computer lab, prototyping  
46       lab, conference room and classroom. The monthly membership is \$50/month or  
47       \$100/month for a family and the office space is separate. Mr. Reynolds said the vision  
48       was always for a Commercial kitchen. This space would be a good location for both  
49       Concord and Boscawen. This would be an expensive project to start but would be  
50       profitable. Mr. Reynolds said most of the discussions he has had have been on the  
51       Concord side. Mr. Reynolds questioned if the Commercial kitchen in Bradford is being  
52       utilized by Residents or if it is too far. Mr. Porter said it is too far. Chair Keegan said  
53       when the discussion started on this it was proposed in Warner but unfortunately there was  
54       lack of time and energy on this area. Mr. Porter said you need an anchor tenant; this was  
55       the model in Keene. Mr. Reynolds said the benefit is this would be one part of a larger  
56       initiative. Chair Keegan said a farmer in Danbury has a Commercial kitchen that is  
57       successful. Mr. Colby spoke about making candy and the difficulty it would be to make  
58       this offsite. Chairman Keegan spoke about issues of storage. Mr. Reynolds said other  
59       opportunities do come up, Shaker Village now has an empty restaurant. Mr. Reynolds  
60       said he wants to gauge the interest from Boscawen farmers. Chair Keegan said he has a  
61       list of active farms that he can send to Mr. Reynolds. Mr. Colby said education for  
62       farmers to set up at home would be more useful. With farm labor while in season it would  
63       be a lot to go somewhere. Mr. Porter said working inside the home low key until they get  
64       big. Mr. Reynolds said they can interview farmers with different opinions to see what  
65       farmers opinions are.

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67 **Adjournment: Motion made at 7:46pm by Rusty Colby and seconded by Bill Bevans to**  
68 **adjourn. All in favor. None opposed.**

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70 *Respectfully submitted, Danielle Bosco*