

Town of Boscawen
Agricultural Commission
Meeting Minutes – Final
Boscawen Municipal Complex
May 10, 2018 7:00 pm

Members Present: John Keegan – Chair, Bill Bevans, Josh Marshall, Tina Larochele

Members Absent: John Porter, Rusty Colby

Others Present: Linda Chandonnet – Recording Secretary, Alan Hardy –Co-Administrator

Chairman Keegan called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

Roll call made by Chair Keegan.

Review and Acceptance of prior meeting's minutes:

Chair Keegan asked if anyone had any changes to the previous minutes from 01/11/2018. The following changes were made: Line 35 – Change to municipality. Line 53 – kinds of structure, Line 59 - Insert comma after charge, Line 61 – Insert; For example, we. Line 139 – town's meeting, Line 153 - last months. Lines 104-112 – delete paragraph.

Motion made to accept the January minutes by Ms. Larochele and seconded by Mr. Marshall amended. All in favor, none opposed.

Accountant Report was reviewed by the board with no comments.

Mr. Marshall shared information with the board that he, John Porter and Tom Giovagnoli took part in today's Merrimack County "School to Farm Day" by the N.H. Agriculture in the Classroom at Carter Hill Orchard. Included were 5 school classrooms in the N.H. surrounding areas who participated and 11 booths for them to visit and learn. It had a great attendance and everyone had a great time there.

Action Plan:

- Mr. Hardy asked Mr. Marshall if he does a write up about this event that it may be a great story to put on our website and in the Concord Monitor and knows Leah Williamson who works there.

Land Use Happenings:

Chair Keegan brought up Tom Giovagnoli and tax reduction and on each of the following;

- Photo-Voltaic Solar: Tom Giovagnoli may have solar panels installed
- PILOT- payment in lieu of taxes: AgComm to review further.
- TIFF for new agricultural construction in Agricultural zoned land: AgComm to review further
- Current Use, perhaps RSA 79-F – tax relief for land under farm structures: Alan and Kellee

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Mr. Hardy mentioned he will be meeting with Matt Monahan Central N.H. Planner on May 17th at 3:00pm.

Action Plan:

- Mr. Marshall will reach out to Karl Johnson from Pete & Jerry's as he will be a good person to have talk at the next meeting.

Old Business:

The Rack Cards could use an update. If we could revisit the current places they are posted, to see if anyone may need more cards and also to find some new places that might be interested.

Action Plan:

- Mr. Marshall will update and change the colors and background of the cards.
- Chair Keegan will reach out to Ann LaCroix and see if they will put some at Blue Seal.
- Mr. Hardy will reach out to Avoloch at 16 Hardy Lane.
- Ms. Larochelle will contact Pam Goodrich at 216 Water Street.
- If everyone could also revisit the current places where the rack cards are and check if they need more as well as reach out to any new potential places.

The Community Garden is more occupied this year than previous years. Jeff Abbe has been doing a great job getting word out as well as maintaining it and it looks very nice. Compost has been delivered and a load of manure will be delivered soon.

Chair Keegan mentioned that it would be nice if the Town can do something in memory of Ken Marshall. One of the things that was brought up is having the Community Garden named after him. Another discussion was having one of his antique tractors to be displayed at the Community Garden also. The board asked Mr. Marshall if his family would oppose.

Action Plan:

- Mr. Marshall will ask his family if they agree with having the garden named after Ken Marshall as well as having one of the antique tractors on the Community Gardens.
- Mr. Hardy will talk to the Selectmen about having the antique tractors at the Community Garden in memory of Ken Marshall and about liability.

Boscawen Old Hone Day Plans with Adele Sanborn.

Action Plan:

- Chair Keegan will contact Adele Sanborn about any updates.

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Other Business:

The next meeting of the AG Commission will be held on Thursday, June 14, 2018.

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Larochelle and seconded by Mr. Marshall. All in favor, none opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda Chandonnet