

Town of Boscawen
Agricultural Commission
Meeting Minutes – Final
Boscawen Municipal Complex
June 14, 2018 7:00 pm

Members Present: John Keegan – Chair, Bill Bevans, Josh Marshall, Roger Sanborn

Members Absent: John Porter, Rusty Colby, Tina Larochelle, Alan Hardy-Co-Administrator,

Others Present: Linda Chandonnet – Recording Secretary

Chairman Keegan called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

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 05/10/2018. The following changes were made: Line 18 – Change to New Hampshire Agriculture in the Classroom. Line 19 to correct 11 schools to 5 schools.

Motion made to accept the May minutes by Mr. Bevans and seconded by Mr. Marshall as amended. All in favor, none opposed.

Accountant Report was reviewed by the board with no comments.

Chair Keegan mentioned Mr. Abbe and Mr. Hollins have found more of the old irrigation equipment that they had purchased several years ago when they started irrigating the garden. Mr. Porter may be interested in purchasing some of it for his operation. Chair Keegan mentioned that he may be also interested. If any money is made it would be added to the Community Garden account.

Motion made to accept the Accountant Report by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Mr. Bevans. All in favor, none opposed.

Land Use Happenings:

In reference to the resume of a meeting with Matt Monahan from Central N.H. Regional Planning Commission that Mr. Hardy, Ms. Easler Mr. Porter and Chair Keegan attended. Mr. Monahan stated it was very positive and there are possible elements that could help out farmers to expansion of new construction as there are various items on the books. RSA 79-E was also discussed and that Mr. Porter suggestion is to contact the 4th State Senate District with David Watters.

Action Plan:

- Chair Keegan will give information on what is on the horizon

Harmony Energy Works Inc. has just added Solar Panels at the Canterbury Quaker Center, N.H. Some of the members are in a group use that energy and they have some expertise on sharing into with us. The Senate Bill 446 hasn't been signed by the Governor yet.

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Other Business:

Chair Keegan asked everyone to read the information on the handouts about State of N.H. Agricultural Uses of Land: RSA 674.32-b. Discussion ensued.

Action Plan:

- Chair Keegan will contact Bruce Crawford and see if any of it came up in Transportation.

Chair Keegan asked the members to read the information provided by Mr. Hardy as he had reached out to Karl Johnson from Pete & Jerry's and received his reply back. Discussion Ensued.

Action Plan:

- Keep Mr. Johnson in mind as a possible resource for upcoming discussions, he would be a good resource.

The public looks at the cards according to most reports and returns them to the rack.

Action Plan:

- To leave the rack cards as is for now but identify new listings and outlets over the next several months.

The Community Garden is filling up nicely and it's great the gardeners able to return to the same plots year to year. The IPM workshop is scheduled for July 16 at the Community Garden

Action Plan:

Mr. Marshall will advertise it through Farm Bureau in an email to all of their members in addition to the publicity Linda has done.

Chair Keegan mentioned in previous meeting that it would be nice if the Town did a memorial for Ken Marshall. Discussion followed.

Motion made to by Mr. Bevans to re-name the Community Garden the Ken Marshall Memorial Garden. Seconded by Mr. Marshall. Mr. Marshall stated that his family would be honored with such a recognition.

Action Plan:

Mr. Marshall will inform the family members and ask Ken's children what they would like mentioned in the memorial dedication as well as what should appear on the plaque/sign. Mr. Keegan will contact Adele Sanborn to ask if she would make the sign. Mr. Marshall will work

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with Ms. Sanborn on content and word-smithing. Mr. Keegan will also coordinated with the OHD committee to make the proclamation and unveiling during OHD week.

Other Business:

The next meeting of the AG Commission will be held on Thursday, July 12, 2018.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda Chandonnet