

Town of Boscawen
Agricultural Commission
Meeting Minutes- APPROVED
Boscawen Municipal Complex
December 13, 2018 7:00 pm

Members Present: John Keegan – Chair, Julie Fournier, Rusty Colby, Josh Marshall, John Porter

Members Absent: Bill Bevans- Vice Chair, Tina Larochelle, Roger Sanborn-Ex-Officio

Others Present: Kellee Jo Easler

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

Roll call made by Chair Keegan.

Review and Acceptance of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Chair Keegan asked if anyone had any changes to the previous minutes from 11/08/2018 and the following changes were made: Mrs. Easler said the footer needs the date corrected, Mr. Keegan said line 26 add no changes proposed to Mrs. Easler’s list, line 28 should be law, line 29 should say Commission instead of Board, line 33 should say the work group was, line 43 remove cutting and cemetery, line 49 was should be is, line 55 change would to could.

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

Financial Report: Mr. Keegan stated he would like an end of the year report at the next meeting.

Motion made to accept the Financial Report by Ms. Fournier and seconded by Mr. Marshall All in favor, none opposed.

Land Use: Mrs. Easler gave a report of recent Planning Board applications that were reviewed. The Commission discussed Accessory Dwelling Units and Mrs. Easler explained some of the requirements. Mrs. Easler also informed the Commission that the town has been receiving inquiries on a large property on DW Highway up for sale. The property, consisting of two lots, has a large amount of road frontage and is 200+ acres.

Farm Tax Relief Bill: Mr. Marshall explained after finding out an RSA passed last year that seems to fit what the Commission was already trying to do. The Commission had concern about Commercial and Industrial use. The Commission is only looking at Agriculture. Mr. Marshall spoke with Rob Johnson, the Farm Bureau policy director. His suggestion was to turn to someone with expertise in revenue and taxation. Mr. Marshall explained there is no difference between Agricultural and commercial stating it is all commercial. Mr. Marshall will try to connect with someone to help. Mrs. Easler said NHMA may be a good resource. Mr. Porter brought up the Crete and Morrill projects as examples of the type of enterprise this Commission wants to support.

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Community Garden: Chair Keegan said a woman from Concord has shown interest in a plot for next year. The garden is for Resident's first but if there are available plots they can offer them

outside of Town. Mr. Marshall questioned if there were plots taken up from people outside of Town and the following year residents want to use them. Chair Keegan said every year there are plots available.

Old Business: Chair Keegan said at the last meeting the land near Walker Pond might be named for after David Larochelle if the BCC secured an easement. Mrs. Larochelle wrote up a description of the work her husband had done on behalf of the community. Chair Keegan questioned where the Walker Pond Easement stood. Mrs. Easler said the Walker Pond Easement is stalled because there was discussion regarding wanting to develop this land, which is on class VI road. The land cannot be developed due to Town Regulations.

Chair Keegan questioned where the easements stood as well as the Walker Pond Easement. Mrs. Easler said the Walker Pond Easement is stalled because there was discussion regarding wanting to develop the land that is on a class 6 road. The land cannot be developed due to Town Regulations.

- Mr. Marshall informed the Commission for anyone that wasn't aware, Dot Perkins passed away and a Celebration of life would be held on Sunday.
- Mr. Porter questioned what the next project the Commission could work on next. Mr. Marshall said the Farm Tax Relief Bill is something they should still work on.
- Mrs. Easler said Kesavan Mobile Home Park was purchased and all the mobile homes were taken down. New mobile homes will be going in and the new road name is Villa Brasi Lane. Mr. Marshall heard the new mobile homes will be marketed to the elderly. Mrs. Easler had not heard this.
- Mr. Marshall questioned if the cabins @ 151-157 North Main St were being sold all together. Mrs. Easler said they have been subdivided and are being sold individually and there is a lot in the back for future development. Mr. Marshall said he has concerns regarding wetlands in that area.
- Mr. Porter said a varnish coat might be needed on the Welcome to Boscawen signs. Commissioners agreed to do this in the spring. Mr. Porter also questioned if the Commission could add signs as different crops are in season. The Commission identified maple, strawberry, blueberries, sweet corn, apples, pumpkins and Christmas trees being the crop signs that could be changed during the year. Commissioners accepted this

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proposal, including the crop choice. Possible vendors were also discussed to fabricate the signs.

- Ms. Fournier asked if the Horse Council had a date for the next meeting. Mr. Porter said no date is set at this time.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by Danielle Bosco