

**Town of Boscawen**  
**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**  
**Boscawen Municipal Complex**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 7:00 PM**

1 Members Present: John Keegan – Chair, Bill Bevans–Vice Chair, Julie Fournier, John Porter,  
2 Rusty Colby, Josh Marshall

3 Absent- Kellee-Jo Easler- Planning & Community Development Director, Tina Larochelle

4 Others Present: Kearsten O’Brien- Planning & Community Development Assistant, Crystal  
5 Tuttle-Recording Secretary

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

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9 Chair Keegan read the Covid-10 Public Meeting Notice of Telephonic Meetings, which reads as  
10 follows: In light of the State of Emergency declared by the Governor on March 13, 2020, and to  
11 respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting is being recorded and any votes will be roll call  
12 votes.

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14 Roll call completed by Chair Keegan

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

- 17 • Ms. Fournier requests two corrections, line 17 remove the word “to” and line 29 change  
18 “kiosks” to “kiosk”, singular. Mr. Porter requests a change to line 70, add Ralph Odell’s  
19 name and noted the name contains no apostrophe.

20 **John Porter motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Motion seconded by Julie**  
21 **Fournier. All in favor. None opposed.**

22 **Financial Report:**

23 Chair Keegan states the Committee needs to think about 2021 budget. Chair Keegan  
24 recommends cutting community garden line in half, from \$600 to \$300. A motion to officially  
25 recommend this change was deferred to the December meeting.

26 **Old Business:**

- 27 • Community Garden: Ms. Fournier spoke about the Community Garden and read a letter  
28 from Jeff Abbe recapping the season. (Attached) NH Gleans program was successful this  
29 year, providing 40 lbs. tomatoes, 50 lbs. cucumbers, 20 lbs. kale, and 5 lbs. cantaloupe  
30 which was all donated to the Boscawen Food Pantry. NH Gleans would like to maintain  
31 two plots for 2021. Ms. Fournier also commented on the excellent cooperation from Pete  
32 and Gerrys Egg Farm (Tom Giovagnoli), and also Lewis Farm for leaf compost.

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- 34 • Farm Link: Mr. Porter spoke about the Committee recommending *Land for Good*  
35 expanding their program linking farmers looking for land with new public outlets such as  
36 becoming more active in the Agricultural Department’s Weekly Market Bulletin and NH

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37 Farm Bureau's *The Observer* quarterly publication. *Land for Good* is considering  
38 dedicating staff to broadening their services. Chair Keegan also suggested we encourage  
39 their reaching out to other Agricultural Commissions, such as those in Durham and Lee.  
40 Mr. Colby was concerned this could be seen as a town entity working as a real estate  
41 agent. Chair Keegan responds that *Land for Good* would be promoting themselves in  
42 these forums, not the Town or the Agricultural Commission. Chair Keegan would like to  
43 continue the Committee's interaction with *Land for Good*.

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45 **Josh Marshall motioned that Boscawen Agricultural Commission continue its**  
46 **relationship with *Land for Good* to assist in their development of the Farm Link**  
47 **Program. Julie Fournier seconds. All in favor. None Opposed.**

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49 Annual Report: Mr. Marshall is willing to edit the annual report. Ms. Fournier will trim  
50 down the letter from Jeff Abbe and forward it to Mr. Marshall. Mr. Porter will include a  
51 resume of the Farm Link and Town Sign repairs. Chair Keegan will write a general  
52 introduction. Drafts are needed the first week of December.

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54 Boscawen Town Signs: Ms. Fournier acquired spring lock cup hooks for the Welcome  
55 signs, and is adding these as she is able. Jeff Abbe collected the signs and reported three  
56 are missing, one each apple, blueberry and pumpkin. Mr. Marshall can contact the Prison  
57 Industries to order replacements.

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59 **New Business:**

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- 61 • Natural Resource Inventory (NRI): Chair Keegan attended the last Planning Board  
62 meeting. Discussions continue between the Planning Board and the Conservation  
63 Commission concerning the Commission's recommendations. Chair Keegan asked the  
64 Agricultural Commissioners to stay up to date on the NRI, especially information  
65 pertaining to wetland setbacks and bodies of water.
  - 66 • Rail Trail: Mr. Porter suggested that signage be put on the Rail Trail to let the public  
67 know what services are offered in Boscawen. He reported that people ask him all the time  
68 about how to get into Town, and what is available for services, restaurants, etc. He feels  
69 this signage would help to promote Boscawen. Mr. Marshall likes the recommendation,  
70 yet is not sure if it is in the scope of the Agricultural Commission. Chair Keegan noted  
71 that the Agricultural Commission can be involved in supporting agriculturally related  
72 economic development of Boscawen. Perhaps a presentation to the Select Board would  
73 make sense. Chair Keegan also suggested getting feedback from farmers along the Rail  
74 Trail and putting together a brochure related to the agriculture in Boscawen. Mr. Porter  
75 says there is already a brochure rack located at the Rail Trail, so perhaps, the Agricultural  
Commission should add information there as well. Mr. Colby and Mr. Marshall suggest

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76 speaking to Town businesses who would like to be featured in these brochures, and,  
77 perhaps, can contribute financially to this endeavor. Chair Keegan would like to discuss  
78 this further for the next meeting.

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80 **Next Meeting:** December 10, 2020 at 7 P.M.

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83 **Adjournment: Motion made by Mr. Colby and seconded by Mr. Marshall to adjourn.**  
84 **Roll Call Vote was made. All in favor. None opposed.**

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87 *Respectfully submitted, Crystal Tuttle*

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