

Approved MINUTES
Guilford Agricultural Commission
November 21, 2016
Community Center- 32 Church St, Leete Room
Note: Minutes not final until approved at subsequent meeting.

Members Present: Kim Brockett, Bill Butterly, and Paul Wettemann

Absent: Gary Arbuckle, Janet Dudley, John Hammarlund, and Peter Perkins

Staff: Kevin Magee – Environmental Planner

Items on the agenda were addressed in the order that would best expedite the meeting.

Chairman Bill Butterly called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Csmr. Paul Wettemann and seconded by Csmr. Kim Brockett to approve the agenda and it was unanimously approved.

2. Approval of Minutes
- July 18, 2016

Motion made Csmr. Paul Wettemann and seconded by Csmr. Kim Brockett to approve the meeting minutes from July 18, 2016. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Public Forum No one from the public was present.

4. New Business- No new Business was discussed.

- A. Agricultural Display for Special Events. - A discussion was held regarding creating a display for highlighting the agricultural commission and agriculture in Guilford to be utilized at special events at the Guilford Fair and other civic events. A suggestion was to create a trifold photo board with the Guilford Farm map in the center and photographs of Guilford's agricultural properties. Csmr. Bill Butterly indicated that he would create a write up for the board.
- B. Set up walk date to inspect licensed properties – The commission decided to conduct field walks of the three licensed properties on December 10, 2016 at 12:30 p.m. The commission will start at Dudley Preserve agricultural fields at the intersection of County Road and West Street followed by the hay fields and grazing area at Northern Heights.

5. Old Business
 - A. Northern Heights Fence Grant – Kevin Magee reported that the barbed wire fencing needs to get installed. Csmr. Bill Butterly asked Kevin Magee to coordinate with Cmsr. John Hammarlund to set up a date to get the barbed wire up. It was suggested that December 10, 2016 could be a possible date of a work party before or after the site visits.
 - B. Northern Heights Well Grant – The contract between Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEEP) and the Connecticut River Coastal Conservation District who is providing the town with the grant has been finally approved after several reviews by a new attorney general. Due to the extended review period by the Attorney General's office a one year extension was provided. Now since the application has been approved, Kevin Magee will try to get Dino Esposito at Stoneridge Farms permission letter to allow the well to be installed. Kevin Magee went over the cost estimate for the project and in kind services for the construction of the pump house and the installation of the heavy use area will be utilized for the matching funds.

6. Other Business –
 - A. 2017 Meeting dates. Motion made by Csmr. Paul Wettemann and seconded by Csmr. Kim Brockett to approve the 2017 meeting dates and it was unanimously approved.
 - B. Membership: It was noted that Gary Arbuckle has moved out of state and his position would need to be filled by the Board of Selectman.

7. Correspondence -
 - Request for Ag Com. Inspection at 972 Moose Hill Rd – see note from Reggie Reid
Csmr. Bill Butterly indicated that he spoke with Csmr. Pete Perkins who investigated the complaint and reported that rabbits and chickens appear to being taken care of properly.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Csmr. Paul Wettemann and seconded by Csmr. Kim Brockett to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by

Kevin W. Magee
Environmental Planner