

APPROVED MINUTES
Guilford Agricultural Commission
February 25, 2019
Community Center- 32 Church St

GUILFORD TOWN HALL
19 MAR 29 AM 11:56

Note: Minutes not final until approved at subsequent meeting.

Members Present: Kim Brockett, Peter Perkins, Janet Dudley & Diane Augur

Absent: John Hammarlund & Cliff Merin

Staff: Kevin Magee – Environmental Planner

Guest: Brenden Butterly

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

Commissioner Peter Perkins opened the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner Diane Auger and seconded by Commissioner Kim Brockett to approve the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Approval of Minutes

- January 28, 2019

Motion made by Commissioner Kim Brockett and seconded by Commissioner Janet Dudley to approve the meeting minutes from January 28, 2019. The motion was unanimously approved.

- February 2, 2019

Motion made by Commissioner Diane Auger and seconded by Commissioner Kim Brockett to approve the special walk meeting minutes from February 2, 2019. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Public Forum (3 minutes per person)

- No one spoke during public forum

4. Old Business

A. Northern Heights Well Grant

Peter has the key for the shed so he can install the roof shingles.

B. Discussion regarding membership

- Commission has two vacancies – Brenden Butterly is interested in a position

C. Access way to upper grazing area-

Kevin Magee showed the commission the access ways across Half Mile acres License area to the upper grazing area along with the location that equipment has an easement to cross over the driveway to the interior 4 acre lot. In order to establish the access way brush needs to be cut back on the Half Mile Acres license area and Stoneridge Farms license area and an area of wetlands would need to be crossed. A majority of the brush that grew in on the Half Mile Acre license area occurred prior to them having the property. The brush on the Stoneridge Farm side should have been cut back yearly by Dino Esposito. The commission members indicated that they would be willing to work with Half Mile Acres with removal of brush on their license area since it grew in prior to them taking license to the property. Kevin Magee indicated that he will meet with John Hammarlund and Dino Esposito to go over the access road.

D. Discussion regarding licensed properties

- Kevin Magee indicated he is sending Dino Esposito an invoice for his license fee for the year. Half Mile Acres still owe for their second payment for 2018. The commission discussed the possibility of Half Mile Acres conducting in kind work which was discussed during the 2018 site walk.
- Yearly reports and soil testing- Kevin Magee will send reminder letters requesting information regarding yearly soil testing, hay production, and fertilization.

E. Agricultural Display

Next event is Earth Fest on April 27, 2019 at the Guilford Fair Grounds, will need to get agricultural items from local vendors to display such as maple syrup containers and H2O farm products.

5. New Business

Land Acquisition Commission is looking for a member; Kim Brockett indicated that she would serve

6. Other Business:

The commission discussed interest in the town purchasing the 4 acre interior parcel. The driveway location for the parcel would provide better access to the fields since the existing access is partially on a neighbor's property due to the installation of the water tank. The ownership of the property would also reduce encroachments onto the town property. Kim Brocket made a motion and Janet Dudley seconded motion to support and encourage if town is interested in pursuing the purchase the 4 acre lot in Northern Heights.

7. Correspondence: None

8. Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Janet Dudley and seconded by Commissioner Kim Brockett to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by

Kevin W. Magee
Environmental Planner

