

Approved MINUTES  
Informal Meeting  
Guilford Agricultural Commission  
February 27, 2017  
Community Center- 32 Church St

Note: Minutes not final until approved at subsequent meeting.

Members Present: Peter Perkins and Clifford Merin

Absent: Kim Brockett, Bill Butterly, Janet Dudley, and John Hammarlund

Staff: Kevin Magee – Environmental Planner

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

Vice Chairman Peter Perkins called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm

1. Approval of Agenda - The agenda was reviewed.
2. Approval of Minutes  
The December 10, 2016 minutes could not be approved due to a lack of quorum
3. Public Forum.  
Dona and Carson Tosta observed the meeting as part of a boy scout merit badge requirement. Peter Perkins and Kevin Magee discussed with Carson the charge and duties of the Agricultural Commission. Kevin Magee described to Carson and commissioner Merin the agricultural activities that the commission oversees on town properties. Pete Perkins discussed how the commission created farm friendly ordinances and zoning regulations.
4. New Business- No new Business was discussed.
5. Old Business
  - A. Northern Heights Fence Grant – Kevin Magee reported that he started installing the barbed wire fence with his land steward on Friday. Kevin would like to set up a work party to finish the installation.
  - B. Northern Heights Well Grant – The contract is being reviewed by town counsel who has requested that we get a permission letter from Dino Esposito at Stoneridge Farms. Kevin Magee indicated that he has left messages with Dino twice a week for the past several weeks and has not received a call back from Dino. Peter Perkins indicated that if we do not hear from Dino we should have town town counsel review his license agreement to see if we actually need his approval.

- C. 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. Peter Perkins suggested that we also add agricultural items around the display such as lobster pots and small farm items. Peter will check with the agricultural society regarding installing a display at the Guilford Agricultural Fair.
  
- 6. Other Business –
  - A. Kevin Magee indicated that Dino Esposito of Stone Ridge Farm may be in default of his contract. Dino has not paid his license fee for the year, he has been keeping a broken excavator on the property for over a year, and has removed some soil from a hillside without permission. Pete Perkins indicated if the problems are not resolved the commission should hold a special meeting.
  - B. Kevin Magee indicated that Half Mile Acres still needs to provide their report from last year and they still owe their license fee.
  
- 7. Correspondence - None
  
- 8. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

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Environmental Planner