

draft MINUTES
Guilford Agricultural Commission
March 19, 2018
Community Center- 32 Church St

Note: Minutes not final until approved at subsequent meeting.

Members Present: Janet Dudley, Clifford Merin, and Peter Perkins.

Absent: John Hammarlund, Kim Brockett, and Diane Auger

Staff: Kevin Magee – Environmental Planner

Guest: Tom Pinchbeck

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

Chairman Peter Perkins called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm

1. Approval of Agenda - Motion made by Commissioner Peter Perkins and seconded by Commissioner Cliff Merin to approve the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

The agenda was reviewed.

2. Approval of Minutes

June 19, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion made by Commissioner Cliff Merin and seconded by Peter Perkins to approve the meeting minutes from June 19, 2017. The motion was unanimously approved.

September 25, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion made by Commissioner Cliff Merin and seconded by Peter Perkins to approve the meeting minutes from September 25, 2017. The motion was unanimously approved.

October 20, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion made by Commissioner Cliff Merin and seconded by Peter Perkins to approve the meeting minutes from October 20, 2017. The motion was unanimously approved.

November 20, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion made by Commissioner Cliff Merin and seconded by Peter Perkins to approve the meeting minutes from November 20, 2017. The motion was unanimously approved.

February 26, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion made by Commissioner Cliff Merin and seconded by Peter Perkins to approve the meeting minutes from February 26, 2018. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Public Forum - None
4. New Business –
 - A. Schedule dates and time to visit properties. The site walks for the haying and grazing areas are to be scheduled for Saturday April 7, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. meeting at the Dudley Preserve Field on County Road. The commission would then view the hay fields, on Crooked Hill Road at 9:45 A.M. and the Crooked Hill Road Grazing area at 10:30 A.M.
 - B. Dino Esposito – Property Report: Kevin Magee reviewed Dino Esposito’s yearend report for the grazing area on Crooked Hill Road. Dino reported in 2017 that he took 21 loads of haylage weighing 2 tons each for a total of 42 tons removed. No second cut was performed due to the dry weather. He spread one ton of 18-2-18 fertilizer with lime filler.
 - C. Charles Potter- Property Report: Kevin Magee reviewed Charles Potters report for the 2017 year concerning the Dudley Preserve hay lot. Charles report that he removed 1,122 bales of hay and applied 325 gallons of Nitrogen 36 and Potassium 8 fertilizer.
 - D. Membership: The commission reviewed the existing membership list and noted that William Butterly is still listed as a member. Tom Pinchbeck indicated that he would like to come back on as a member. Tom was notified that he needs to get an application from the First Selectman office. Peter Perkins will follow up to see if Paul Wettemann or Joe Wettemann are interested on becoming members of the commission. In order to attract members from North Guilford the group discussed holding a couple of meetings at the Dudley Farm.
5. Old Business
 - A. Northern Heights Well Grant –Kevin Magee reported that the project is almost complete. The roof still needs to be shingled, he needs to have the electrician come back and install a switch to the pressure switch, and the plumber needs to prime the system.
 - B. Agricultural Display for Special Events – The commission discussed creating an unattended display that can be placed at different events including the Guilford Fair. The display would be place on a trifold board and include the farm map, the agricultural sign, the purpose of the commission, and the history of agriculture in Guilford. Additional agricultural items could be placed around the display and farm maps would be left on the table.
6. Other Business - None
7. Correspondence- 2018 Meeting Dates

8. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted by

Kevin W. Magee
Environmental Planner