

Approved MINUTES
Guilford Agricultural Commission
March 20, 2017
Community Center- 32 Church St

Note: Minutes not final until approved at subsequent meeting.

Members Present: Peter Perkins, Clifford Merin, John Hammerlund and Kim Brockett

Absent: Bill Butterly and Janet Dudley

Staff: Kevin Magee – Environmental Planner

Guest: Barbara Hammerlund, Diane Esposito and Jerri Perkins

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 7:30 pm

1. Approval of Agenda - The agenda was reviewed.

Motion made by Csmr. K. Brockett and seconded by Csmr. P. Perkins to approve the agenda and it was unanimously approved.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Csmr. K. Brockett and seconded by Csmr. P. Perkins to approve the meeting minutes from November 21, 2016. The motion was unanimously approved.

Motion made by Csmr. Kim Brockett and seconded by Csmr. P. Perkins to approve the meeting minutes from December 10, 2016. The motion was unanimously approved.

Motion made by Csmr. Peter Perkins and seconded by Csmr. C. Merin to approve the meeting minutes from February 27, 2017. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Public Forum.

Barbara Hammerlund talked about Earth Day on April 22, 2017 at the Guilford Fair Grounds

4. New Business

-Northern Heights Grazing area

5. Old Business

- A. Northern Heights Fence Grant – No report or payment for this year. Still has a machine left on the site and it has been for over a year. Kevin Magee will draft a letter regarding the concerns and will have 30 days to rectify the issue.

An invoice and permission letter regarding the well will also be mailed.

Csmr. K. Brockett asked if no response made within 30 days, what will be the next step. Kevin stated that he will meet with town council regarding the matter.

Csmr. P. Perkins asked if the letter was reviewed by town council. Kevin said no, but he will have town council review it.

Csmr. Cliff Merin stated to make sure we complied with lease language.

A motion was made by Csmr. P. Perkins and Csmr. K. Brockett seconded for Kevin to forward letter to town council for review and mail to Dino Esposito. The motion was unanimously approved.

Fencing – A small section of barbed wire was installed and a work party needs to be scheduled to finish. Date to schedule tabled to the April 17, 2017 meeting.

- B. Northern Heights Well Grant –waiting for Dino Esposito to sign permission letter
- C. Agricultural Display for Special Events - Barbara Hammerlund would like to see a banner made up for Agriculture Commission as well as cards with information about Agricultural Commission and its mission. She asked if there is a special fund for Agricultural Commission.

6. Other Business –

- A. Csmr. John Hammerlund brought up the discrepancy of Farm Rd and Driveway.

John Hammerlund stated we need to remove curbing, cut road and put shale down.

The crossing of driveway between Dino's pasture and hay area needs attention. Kevin Magee and Csmr. Pete Perkins suggested installing additional property line posts. Posts need to be installed along Durham/Guilford line, the new house on Wimler Lane, the fifty foot town strip on Wilmer Lane, and the front property line of Northview Drive. This work will be scheduled at the April meeting.

7. Correspondence – A thank you card was sent from Carson Testa from Troop 474 thanking the Agricultural Commission helping him achieve his Citizenship Community Merit Badge

Kevin Magee stated that Mr. Potter is requesting a gate to be put up at the Dudley lot.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Csmr. J. Hammerlund and seconded by Csmr. C. Merin to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by

Kevin W. Magee
Environmental Planner