

**Approved MINUTES**  
Guilford Agricultural Commission  
**April 20, 2015**  
**Community Center- 32 Church St, Leete Room**  
*Note: Minutes not final until approved at subsequent meeting.*

**Members Present: Tom Pinchbeck, Paul Wettemann, Peter Perkins and Gary Arbuckle**

**Absent: John Hammerlund, Janet Dudley and William Butterly**

**Guest: Kim Brockett**

**Staff: Kevin Magee – Environmental Planner**  
**Michelle C. Nazario – Recording Secretary**

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

Chairman Pinchbeck called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Csmr. T. Pinchbeck and seconded by Csmr. P. Perkins to approve the agenda after additions to agenda were made to Public Form, Correspondence and Old Business and it was unanimously approved.

2. Approval of Minutes  
- March 16, 2015

Motion made by Csmr. P. Perkins and seconded by Csmr. P. Wetteman the approval of meeting minutes from March 16, 2015 was unanimously approved.

3. Public Forum

Katie Arbuckle came to thank you for the recommendation to the Farm Bureau Secretary for New Haven County position, which she was offered and accepted.

4. New Business

- Dino Esposito – Northern Heights – Kevin Magee spoke with Dino Esposito regarding who is responsible for the payment. The contract reads for Stone Ridge Farms, LLC which is linked to Dino. The court date is scheduled for later May for possible divorce and division of property but until then the contract is under Dino. It was stated that Michael, the son, might be interested in grazing the cows and some sort of agreement can be reached. Csmr. P. Perkins made comment to keep an eye on that so nothing else gets moved up to farm land that hasn't been approved. Kevin Magee also stated that when they went to check on land there

had been some dumping of a Christmas tree and grass clippings. Kevin Magee drafted a letter to send to the neighbors.

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## 5. Old Business

- Guilford Farm Map – Grant Project

Kevin Magee reported that Town of Guilford Finance Dept will be doing an audit so we can obtain the last grant check.

The Farm Map is posted on the Town of Guilford web site.

- Northern Heights Fencing Grant for Grazing Area – Kevin Magee reported that NCRS has drafted a contract which he is reviewing before it goes to the legal department and Board of Selectman and then to State of Connecticut-DEEP. He walked the lot and it will be about 2,500 ft of fencing which will be covered by the grant. John Hammarlund will be looking into barb wire fencing and pricing. Would like the posts to be pressure treated.

- Recommendation to Board of Selectman for reappointment of members  
Csmr. P. Pinchbeck slated for the commissioners as Tom Pinchbeck, Janet Dudley and Bill Butterly for Doug Summerton who has moved from the state. Csmr. T. Pinchbeck will be contacting Anne McIntyre-Lahner to be on the board as alternate. This will be on file with the selectman's office for the re-election of members.

## 6. Other Business

- Project Sustainability – Cody Christensen – No show

## 7. Correspondence

- 94 Cooks Lane – emails – Follow-up manure management practices. Csmr. P. Perkins will go back and check up on edge of property abutting the water company to see if the manure has been on their property. Kevin Magee received email from Donna Latella stating that they will be getting ready to fertilize.

-Victoria Fritz – 708 County Road – Peter Perkins was contacted by Victoria Fritz stating that there was a complaint. P. Perkins was not aware of this and was not contacted by anyone. He will check into this.

## 8. Adjournment

Motion by Csmr. P. Wettemann and seconded by Csmr. P. Perkins to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by

Michelle C. Nazario  
Recording Secretary