

GUILFORD TOWN HALL

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Guilford Agricultural Commission

April 20, 2020

Guilford Community Center

**Due to COVID-19, this meeting was a web & phone meeting in accordance with Governor Lamont's Executive orders 7b & 7i. Meeting documents were available on the town website: [www.ci.guilford.ct.us](http://www.ci.guilford.ct.us) under the events calendar.**

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Note: Minutes not final until approved at subsequent meeting.

Members Present: Peter Perkins, Skylar Beeman, Kim Brockett & Janet Dudley

Absent: John Hammarlund, Cliff Merin, Diane Augur & Michael Biroscak

Staff: Kevin Magee – Environmental Planner

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

1. Commissioner Peter Perkins opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes
  - January 27, 2020

Motion made by Commissioner Kim Brockett and seconded by Commissioner Janet Dudley to approve the meeting minutes from January 27, 2020. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Public Forum (3 minutes per person)
  - No one spoke during Public Forum
4. Licensed Properties
  - Dudley Preserve County Road – Kevin Magee stated the Potters used a frontend loader to push back the invasives into the wood line. Chicken manure has been spread to fertilize the fields.
  - Northern Heights – Grazing area – Access way to upper grazing area. Kevin Magee went with Tom Fillon from Public Works to show him the area that needs to be graded out.

Tom should be getting back to Kevin next week with a time line. Kevin is pushing for the work to be completed by the end of spring.

- Northern Height Agricultural area - Kevin Magee has updated the Bid proposal for Haying Northern Heights and the updated Bid should be posted tomorrow on the Towns Web site along with the State of Connecticut's purchasing Web Site. Kevin Magee indicated that the bid document was revised from the last time to note that the property be cut a minimum of twice a year and that no hunting. Kevin will check with Barbara Hammerlund regarding the removal of machinery left on property and will check on how to handle the balance due.

#### 5. Old Business

- Brierley property – County Rd – Kevin Magee reviewed with the commission there is a conservation easement on the property held by the Guilford Land Conservation Trust and that there is Right of Way to the property through Vandermaelen property which goes over the driveway and between the barn and the house. Town Counsel is evaluating the easements. Kevin Magee indicated that the fields will need to be fertilized and needs assistance for the treatment of invasives that are coming up. Kevin Magee stated they will brush hog a two acres parcel just north of the field. The wood line appears to have been cut back.
- Northern Heights Well House – Commissioner Peter Perkins indicated that he is unable to work on it due to needing assistance and with COVID- 19. It will be finish once the self-distancing is lifted.
- Discussion regarding membership- the two Wetterman candidates are waiting for the Republican Party to sign off on their applications
- Agricultural Display – No Discussion
- Agricultural signs – Kevin Magee waiting to hear back from the Board of Finance to see the budget is approved for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. If it is approved new signs will be ordered beginning of July.
- Map brochure – No Discussion

#### 6. New Business

- Commissioner Peter Perkins reported a deer on Sam Bartlett's property on Great Hill Road has a blue rope tangled in its antlers as of April 20, 2020. A discussion was held on how to approach the issue of the deer. Does the commission want to contact animal control and/or DEEP? Commissioner Peter Perkins is going to look around the area more to see if anything else needs to be dealt with on the property. A suggestion was made that

if the deer could not be captured that someone may need to dart the deer to take off the rope. Commissioner Janet Dudley stated that animal control should go to speak with property owner. Kevin Magee will contact Jeff Hutchinson.

- Commissioner Kim Brockett questioned the property on Long Hill Road across from Red Coat Lane regarding the correct number of horses that can be on the site. She believes that the property may have more than it is zoned for. Kevin Magee will check with Erin Mannix, Planning and Zoning Officer to see how many horses are approved for property.

7. Other Business

None

8. Correspondence

None

9. Adjournment

Motion was made by Commissioner Janet Dudley and seconded by Commissioner Kim Brockett to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by

Michelle Nazario  
Secretary

