

GUILFORD TOWN HALL

APPROVED MINUTES 20 JUL 21 PM 4:15

Guilford Agricultural Commission

May 18, 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 under the events calendar.

Members Present: Peter Perkins, Schuyler Beeman, Kim Brockett & Cliff Merin

Absent: John Hammarlund, 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 7:32 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes
 - April 20, 2020

Motion made by Commissioner Kim Brockett and seconded by Commissioner Schuyler Beeman to approve the meeting minutes from April 20, 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- No issues reported

-Northern Heights – Grazing area – Access way to upper grazing area
Kevin Magee is working with public works to have the hillside graded out so that the farm equipment can traverse the area.

-Northern Height Agricultural area – Review 3B Ranch Bid Proposal

Kevin Magee presented the bid proposal from 3B Ranch to the commission. The bid is for no license fees to be collected for the first two years and the remaining years a \$50 license fee. The commission asked Kevin to see if he negotiate a higher fee. Kim Brockett made a motion that the commission approves the bid from 3B Ranch and to allow Kevin Magee to negotiate a higher fee.

5. Old Business

- Brierley property (Potter Parcel) – County Rd
Kevin Magee reported that the Land Trust is Ok with the town licensing the property to harvest hay. The bid is going to be posted this week on the Web page. The commission recommended that copies of the bids be submitted to Buster Scranton and Paul Wettemann.
- Northern Heights Well House
Schuyler Beeman indicated that he will check with his father to see if he can have someone install the shingles
- Discussion regarding membership
Paul Wettemann has submitted an application for membership to commission and has not heard back.
- Agricultural Display – No events this year due to COVID-19
- Agricultural signs – funds placed in budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year
- Map brochure – Larry lost the files in his computer will need to start from new. Kim Brockett will check with printer to see if they have the file.
- Horse Stables Long Hill Road – Kim Brockett note that they are holding an event on Sunday May 24th to meet the horses.
- Bartlett Farm Great Hill Road-Pete Perkins asked on the status of the deer with the blue rope tangled in its antlers. Schuyler Beeman said he has not seen a deer with a rope in its antlers.

6. New Business

Schuyler Beeman discussed as how get out what products the local farms have to the community. Suggestion was made that the farm map be published on social media. It was noted that the farm map on the town web page has sections upside down. By advertising the map it is a good opportunity to ask about additional farms not printed on the map. Another suggestion was to create meet the farmer video's

7. Other Business

None

8. Correspondence

None

9. Adjournment

Motion was made by Commissioner Cliff Merin and seconded by Commissioner Kim Brockett adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by

Kevin Magee
Environmental Planner

