

draft MINUTES
Guilford Agricultural Commission
June 19, 2017
Community Center- 32 Church St

Note: Minutes not final until approved at subsequent meeting.

Members Present: Peter Perkins, Janet Dudley, Clifford Merin, and Kim Brockett

Absent: John Hammarlund

Staff: Kevin Magee – Environmental Planner

Guest: Diane Esposito

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

Csmr. Cliff Merin called the meeting to order at 7:49 pm

1. Approval of Agenda - The agenda was reviewed.

Motion made by Csmr. Cliff Merin and seconded by Csmr. Kim Brockett to approve the agenda and it was unanimously approved.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Csmr. Cliff Merin and seconded by Csmr. Kim Brockett to approve the meeting minutes from March 20, 2017. The motion was approved 3 in favor. Janet Dudley abstained.

Motion made by Csmr. Cliff Merin and seconded by Csmr. Kim Brockett to approve the meeting minutes from April 17, 2017. The motion was approved 3 in favor. Janet Dudley abstained.

3. Public Forum.

No public comments received.

4. New Business

- Kevin Magee noted that the Dudley Preserve fields on County Road have been cut in June and that he brought a gate for Charlie Potter to install at the entrance to the large field.
- Half Mile Acres have started cutting the fields at Northern Heights.

5. Old Business

- A. Northern Heights Grazing –Kevin Magee reported that Stoneridge Farm is paid up for the year on their license fee.
 - B. Northern Heights Well Grant –Kevin Magee reported that Dino Esposito has signed the permission letter allowing the town to install the well within the license area and that the town has a signed contact with the Conservation District. Kevin indicated that he needs to get multiple price quotes for a well driller and the electrician and reviewed the specifications for the proposed work. Csmr. Peter Perkins asked how deep are we required to drill and what would happen if we do not find water. Kevin Magee indicated that the wells in the new development found water around 250 ft and since it is for watering animals the well does not require a high yield. Csmr. Perkin will provide Kevin with names of well drillers and electricians.
 - C. Agricultural Display for Special Events – Csmr. Cliff Merin suggested that we work with students in the school system on creating farm displays for the Guilford Fair. Csmr. Kim Brockett indicated that the Connecticut Farm Bureau has an interactive display board that the commission could use. The commission would be responsible for transporting the board which has some weight to it.
- 6. Other Business –None
 - 7. Correspondence – None
 - 8. Adjournment

Motion by Csmr. Janet Dudley and seconded by Csmr. Peter Perkins to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by

Kevin W. Magee
Environmental Planner