

draft MINUTES
Guilford Agricultural Commission
October 19, 2015
Community Center- 32 Church St, Leete Room
Note: Minutes not final until approved at subsequent meeting.

Members Present: Paul Wettemann, William Butterly, Kim Brockett and Pete Perkins

Absent: Janet Dudley, Gary Arbuckle and John Hammerlund

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 William Butterly called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Csmr. W. Butterly and seconded by Csmr. P. Wettemann to approve the agenda and it was unanimously approved.

2. Approval of Minutes
- August 17, 2015

Motion made by Csmr. P. Perkins and seconded by Csmr. K. Brockett the approval of meeting minutes from August 17, 2015 it was unanimously approved.

3. Public Forum
- None

4. New Business
- License renewal for Dudley Preserve Hay Fields & Northern Heights Hay Fields - Kevin Magee notified the commission that the licenses are up for the two hay/harvesting fields, The Dudley Preserve and Northern Heights. Kevin stated that it will go out to bid in January. He needs to check on the language access rights regarding right for the grazing which will involve traveling across section of the hay area. We will need to open up roadway that is parallel to Route 77 and not use the cut through on the Heinrich's property.

Csmr. W. Butterly asked if there is a time frame for this project.

Kevin Magee stated that the commission should review the existing license agreement and report any potential changes at the next meeting. He is looking to send out to bid by the end of December early January.

Csmr. K. Brockett asked about the plowing/grazing at Northern Heights and the use of pesticides for protection of the river.

K. Magee stated if there is going to be a well on the property

Csmr. P. Perkins asked if electricity is needed will they hook into Crooked Hill power.

Csmr. W. Butterly asked if Northern Heights and Dudley Preserve can be advertised for other than hay.

Csmr. P. Perkins stated should we look into the deed

Csmr. W. Butterly can Northern Heights ne advertised by the acre

5. Old Business

- Northern Heights Grant Project – Kevin Magee stated that the one of the land stewards has started the project with installing the post in the holes dug by Dino Esposito. Dino had to use a mini excavator due to the rocky ledge and the holes are bigger, making it harder to back fill by hand. The next step will be to install the 9 rolls of fencing and barbwire which he would like to start in November with the assistants of the Agricultural Commission and possibly some 4H members and or boy scouts. Kevin Magee will send out an email with some dates.

Csmr. P. Perkins asked if we had the tools to help stretch out the fencing.

Csmr. W. Butterly asked if it can be done in sections.

Kevin Magee stated that it can be sectioned out and also a few hours at a time.

Csmr. P. Perkins asked if the town will be helping with the water crossing.

Kevin Magee stated that Dino is helping with the installation of the pipe and to put down stone.

6. Other Business

- Newspaper Column- Csmr. W. Butterly stated that there should be some advertising in the paper for the fair. Another suggestion was to have an article submitted 1 to 2 times a month in the local papers and or on Simply Guilford/Growing up Guilford to let the community know about how to do articles like canning berries, raising animals.

- Fair Exhibits – Csmr. W. Butterly suggested possible exhibits to be displayed and demonstrated, possible workshops and to advertise more for the fair.

7. Correspondence

- None

8. Adjournment

Motion by Csmr. P. Wettemann and seconded by Csmr. P. Perkins to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by

Michelle C. Nazario
Recording Secretary