

draft MINUTES
Guilford Agricultural Commission
November 17, 2014
Community Center- 32 Church St, Leete Room
Note: Minutes not final until approved at subsequent meeting.

GUILFORD TOWN HALL
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Members Present: Tom Pinchbeck, Paul Wettemann, Peter Perkins
Absent: Bill Butterly, Janet Dudley, John Hammerlund, and Gary Arbuckle

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 non quorum meeting to order at 7:38 pm

1. Public Forum

- Latella, Donna, 94 Cooks Lane- Map 122, Lot 17, Zone R-8, Special permit for number of horses allowed per acre. §273-243 B. (1)

Donna Latella and her husband were present at meeting along with her neighbor Carol Pepin her husband William Greger and Attorney John Lambert.

John Lambert spoke for Carol Pepin and William Greger regarding the special permit for the Latella's on obtaining 6 horses. They are concerned about the runoff from the Latella's property to theirs, the management plan, disposal of the horse manure and coverage, and erosion. There has been an on going issue between property owners with documentation with the police. There is concern for boarding horses.

Kevin Magee asked if they have seen any issues on their property.

Mrs. Latella restated her case for the 6 horse. She was told by the town that she can have 6 horses and she has the room for them. There has been a management plan submitted, the manure plan has been in place and taken care of. There is no issue with the Regional Water Authority. She does not board horses.

Kevin Magee went to observe property with Roman Mrozinski, Executive Director Southwest Conservation District and found the only issue of concern is that the manure pile does not have a cover. Roman offered the Latella's a tarp to cover the manure pile which is financed through a conservation program by the district. The Latella's accepted the offer of the tarp and waiting for delivery of the tarp. Csmr. Pinchbeck reviewed the letter regarding Roman Mrozinski review of the managed plan and site observations.

Csmr. P. Perkins was seated at meeting at approximately 8:30 pm. and quorum meeting was opened.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Csmr T. Pinchbeck and seconded by Csmr. P. Wettemann to approve the agenda was unanimously approved.

3. Approval of Minutes
- October 20, 2014

Motion made by Csmr. T. Pinchbeck and seconded by Csmr. P. Perkins the approval of meeting minutes from October 20, 2014 was unanimously approved.

4. New Business- None

5. Old Business

Latella, Donna, 94 Cooks Lane- Map 122, Lot 17, Zone R-8, Special permit for number of horses allowed per acre. §273-243 B. (1) The commission explained what transpired to Csmr. P. Perkins and provided him with a copy of Roman Mrozinski letter. Csmr. Perkins noted that he drove by the property on his own to become familiar with the area.

Motion made by Csmr. T. Pinchbeck and seconded by Csmr. P. Perkins is was unanimously voted to write a letter to Planning and Zoning giving the Agricultural Commission's conditions and approval

- Guilford Farm Map – Grant Project

Motion made by Csmr. T. Pinchbeck and seconded by Csmr. P. Perkins the approval for the paper for the farm map and printing of the farm map by been unanimously approved.

- Northern Heights Fencing Grant for Grazing Area

Kevin Magee took measurements for fencing and poles. He will get more quotes from companies so they can follow through. Dino will also get back to Kevin regarding more information and pricing. Kevin Magee would like a volunteer list and will estimate the time needed for it to be done.

6. Other Business - None

7. Correspondence

- Meeting dates for 2015

Motion made by T. Pinchbeck and seconded by Csmr. P. Wettemann the approval of the 2015 meeting dates was unanimously approved.

- From the Farm –CT Farm Bureau Pamphlet

8. Adjournment

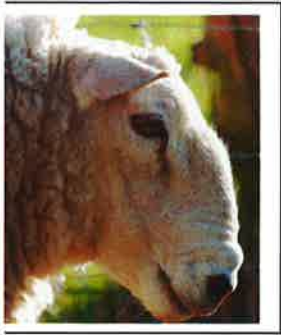
Motion by Csmr P. Perkins and seconded by Csmr. P. Wettemann to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by

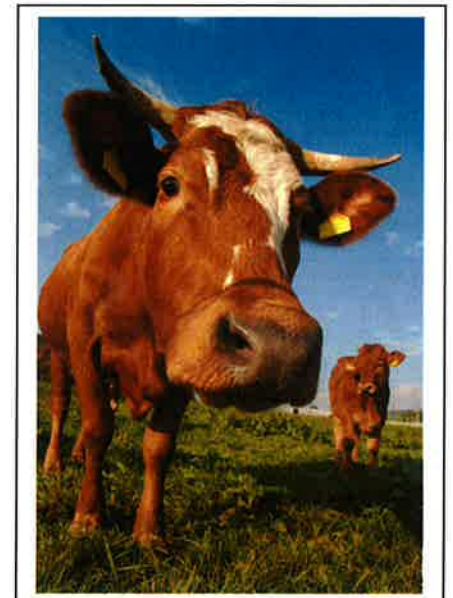
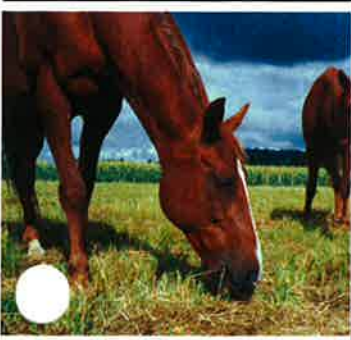
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2015
 Agricultural Commission
 Meeting dates
 Community Center Leete Room
 7:30pm



- January 26
- February 23
- March 16
- April 20
- May 18
- June 15
- July 20
- August 17
- Sept- TBA(21st)
- October 19
- November 16
- December 21





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Planning and Zoning Commission
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November 18, 2014

Re: Latella, Donna, 94 Cooks Lane- Map 122, Lot 17, Zone R-8, Special permit for number of horses allowed per acre.

The Agricultural Commission has reviewed the request for special permit by Donna Latella of 94 Cooks Lane. During our October 20, 2014 meeting, we asked the property owner to submit a written farm management plan to the commission for review. After the October meeting, Kevin Magee, town Environmental Planner, visited the property with Roman Mrozinski of the Southwest Conservations District of the NRCS (National Resource Conservation Service) in order to determine specific management practices that would be appropriate for the property.

The commission met again on Monday November 18, 2014 and reviewed the findings of Mr. Magee town Environmental Planner, read the letter submitted by Roman Mrozinski of NRCS, reviewed the farm management plan submitted by the property owner, and reviewed the concerns of adjoining neighbors.

The Agricultural Commission feels that this property could properly maintain 6 horses for the owner's personal use in a manner that would properly support both the animals and the surrounding environment. The submitted farm management plan would need to be followed by the owner, with annual reviews by owner. In addition, any proposed changes to the farm management plan, including any change in ownership of the property, must be approved by the Agricultural Commission.

Sincerely,

Tom Pinchbeck
Chairman