

draft MINUTES
Guilford Agricultural Commission
February 22, 2016
Community Center- 32 Church St, Sachem Room
Note: Minutes not final until approved at subsequent meeting.

Members Present: William Butterly, Kim Brockett, Pete Perkins

Absent: Gary Arbuckle and John Hammerlund , Paul Wettemann, Janet Dudley

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 7:30 pm

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Csmr. P. Perkins and seconded by Csmr. K. Brockett to approve the agenda and it was unanimously approved.

2. Approval of Minutes
- November 16, 2015

Motion made by Csmr. B. Butterly and seconded by Csmr. K. Brockett to approve of the meeting minutes from November 16, 2015. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Public Forum

Diane Esposito was present to see if she would be interested in filling the alternate slot. Diane Esposito will contact the selectman's office for the procedure.

4. New Business
- None

5. Old Business

- Northern Heights Fence Grant – Kevin Magee updated the commission that all the poles are done. The commission needs to finish a section of fencing by the stream crossing and all the barb wire. Csmr. B. Butterly will come with help on March 5th to continue with the fencing. Kevin received a maintenance agreement for the fence from the Conservation District that the

first selectman needs to sign and indicated that the agreement is similar to the requirements that are in the license and that licensee is required to maintain.

- Northern Heights well – Kevin Magee has received quotes on pricing for a well pump. Csmr. P. Perkins will look the construction cost of the well house to help with cost.

- Haying and Harvesting License – Kevin Magee spoke to commissioners that the Hay and Harvesting proposals have gone out for Dudley Preserve and Northern Heights. Two proposals came in for The Dudley Preserve-Charles Potter proposed \$75.00 per acre and Half mile Acres proposed \$77.50, but due to a conflict it was rebid.

For the Northern Heights property there were two bids Half mile acre (John Hammarlund) at \$100 an acre and \$75.00 from 3 B Ranch (Andrew Bozzuto).

Half Mile Acre is aware that he submitted the highest bid.

Csmr. P. Perkins made a motion to accept Half Mile Acre's proposal for the Northern Heights haying and harvesting and Csmr. K. Brockett seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Csmr. P. Perkins also made a motion to approve the highest bid for the Dudley Preserve. The motion was seconded by Csmr. K. Brockett and was unanimously approved.

6. Other Business

-Csmr. K. Brockett received a flyer from Connecticut Farm bureau regarding a Farmer Training and Education. Please read and contact her with any ideas.

7. Correspondence

- Letter from Tammy C. DeFrancesco

Csmr. B. Butterly read the letter into the record

8. Adjournment

Motion by Csmr. P. Perkins and seconded by Csmr. B. Butterly to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by

Michelle C. Nazario
Recording Secretary