

**Draft MINUTES**  
Guilford Agricultural Commission  
**February 23, 2015**  
**Community Center- 32 Church St, Leete Room**  
*Note: Minutes not final until approved at subsequent meeting.*

**Members Present: Tom Pinchbeck, Paul Wettemann, Peter Perkins and Janet Dudley**  
**Absent: Bill Butterly, John Hammerlund, Doug Summerton 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 meeting to order at 7:30 pm

1. Approval of Agenda

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

2. Approval of Minutes  
-December 15, 2014

Motion made by Csmr. T. Pinchbeck and seconded by Csmr. P. Perkins the approval of meeting minutes from December 15, 2014 was unanimously approved.

3. Public Forum

Carol Pepin and Bill Gregor of 1450 Great Hill Rd came to follow up on the manure management plan with a complaint. They state that the Latella's aren't picking up the manure instead they are spreading it along the property line. They haven't had a pick up. In the management plan it is scheduled for a pick-up for 4 to 5 weeks or 1/3 full. According to Carol and Bill this isn't happening. The Latella's aren't keeping up with their contract and why they can't follow it?

Commissioner T. Pinchbeck will write a note to Reggie to let her know what is going on. Kevin Magee and Commissioner P. Perkins will go and evaluate the manure storage.

Csmr. P. Perkins asked if there are some contradictions going on?

Csmr. P. Perkins asked if there can be a monthly report done?

4. New Business

Commissioner P. Wetterman said that the Farm Bureau Secretary for New Haven County is looking for a secretary.

5. Old Business

A. Guilford Farm Map – Grant Project

K. Magee told commissioners that the Maps are done and are in the office. Commissioner J. Dudley suggested Hammanasett Beach. Commissioner T. Pinchbeck will send email out to the farms to let them know the map is done and would they put some out at their sight. Need to look where else they can be distributed. He is also sending his report of hours spend on grant to the Connecticut Department of Agriculture for final payment.

#### B. Northern Heights Fencing Grant for Grazing Area

K. Magee ran numbers to equipment, misc. supplies and labor.

Commissioner P. Wetteman asked if anyone else can be involved with helping such as Bout Scouts or is it to labor intense.

K. Magee stated yes that anyone can help.

K. Magee stated that this is also being done to protect the wetlands.

Commissioner P. Wetteman also asked what point are we at.

K. Magee stated that he just has to put the numbers together and check on a number with Dino. This project should be done by the end of August.

### 6. Other Business

A. Project Sustainability – Cody Christensen – did not show to explain project.

B. Donna Latella – 94 Cooks Lane – Horses – K. Magee stated that the last time the manure storage was emptied was February 5, 2015.

K. Magee explained that the machine is broken that spreads/rakes the manure so it is being done by hand, but with the freezing temperatures it has become difficult.

If the storage is under a tarp and is being emptied what regulations are being broken?

C. Veronica Fritz – 708 County Road – Sheep – Commissioner P. Perkins spoke with Veronica and told her that there have been complaints about the animals and the house made to the police. He went to check on sheep and they where ok. There was clean water, fresh hay and shelter. Owner has been back and forth with taking care of elderly father.

Commissioner J. Dudley stated that the house complaint has nothing to do with the Ag Commission.

### 7. Correspondence

A. Ct Farm Bureau – Commissioner T. Pinchbeck explained email he received regarding programs that are being offered and other ideas for programs to help farmers new and old. They are wanting to know if we would like to partner with Durham and or North Branford's Agricultural Commission to participate in workshop. Commissioner T. Pinchbeck will contact Joan Nickels and get more information.

B. Brunswick Documentary Film – The Land Conservation passed along this information regarding a documentary film about farmers and their struggles. Would we host this film event?

Commissioner J. Dudley suggested the library. They have the better facilities and can send out via email the invitation.

C. Ct Farm Bureau Newsletter

Commission T. Pinchbeck received an email from the Bob Owsany the Oxford Agricultural Commission Chairman regarding meeting on 3/17/15. Commissioner T. Pinchbeck is unable to attend, but to keep us informed on future developments.

## 8. Adjournment

Motion by Csmr. P. Wetterman and seconded by Csmr. P. Perkins to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by

Michelle C. Nazario  
Recording Secretary