

Draft MINUTES
Guilford Agricultural Commission
March 16, 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, Janet Dudley and Bill Butterly

Absent: John Hammerlund, Doug Summerton and Gary Arbuckle

Staff: Kevin Magee - absent

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. Perkins to approve the agenda after an addition to Old Business and it was unanimously approved.

2. Approval of Minutes
-February 23, 2015

Motion made by Csmr. T. Pinchbeck and seconded by Csmr. P. Wetteman the approval of meeting minutes from February 23, 2015 was unanimously approved.

3. Public Forum
None

4. New Business

- Re-elect commission officers- Csmr. P. Pinchbeck spoke to commissioners regarding the re-election of members. He will follow up with selectman's office.

5. Old Business

- Guilford Farm Map – Grant Project- Csmr. P. Pinchbeck informed the commission that he spoke with Larry and asked if some updates/corrections can be done. Also, there is some extra money left over from the grant and is questioning if the map can be put on line?

- Northern Heights Fencing Grant for Grazing Area – No update. Csmr. P. Perkins asked for a copy of the contract for Northern Heights. He would like to know who has rights and what is agreed upon.

- Cooks Lane- K. Magee and Csmr. P. Perkins went to see the storage of manure and to see if it has been spread out in the fields. There wasn't enough in the storage facility to determine when it will be filled to see when it is scheduled to be emptied. On 3/16/15 Csmr. P. Perkins went to check on manure and manure in pasture. The update for the manure storage stayed the same but noticed the spread of the

manure was along the edge of the driveway on the Water Company property. This will need to be taken care of by property owner.

6. Other Business

- Project Sustainability – Cody Christensen – Csmr. J. Dudley explained what she could of the project, but Cody Christensen would be better to explain and to answer questions.

-Csmr. T. Pinchbeck went to Sturbridge, MA for conference on area agricultural involvement and support. He stated that there are organizations and grants out there if needed for help to farmers. He stated that hearing from other agricultural commissions and their ideas, we aren't far behind with our commission and our outlook.

7. Correspondence

None

8. Adjournment

Motion by Csmr.P. Perkins and seconded by Csmr. J. Dudley to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by

Michelle C. Nazario
Recording Secretary