

draft MINUTES  
Guilford Agricultural Commission  
March 21, 2016  
Community Center- 32 Church St, Sachem Room  
Note: Minutes not final until approved at subsequent meeting.

Members Present: Kim Brockett, Bill Butterly, Pete Perkins, Paul Wetteman & Janet Dudley

Absent: 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 7:30 pm

1. Approval of Agenda

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

2. Approval of Minutes  
- February 22, 2016

Motion made by Csmr. K. Brockett and seconded by Csmr. P. Perkins to approve the meeting minutes from February 22, 2016. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Public Forum  
-None

4. New Business  
- CT Farm Bureau – Farmer Training & Education (workshop Ideas) – K. Magee asked if there are any ideas for training –Csmr. B. Butterly suggested training for the police and fire department. If any other ideas to forward them to Michelle/Kevin and they will send out e-mail.

5. Old Business  
- Northern Heights Fence Grant –Csmr. B. Butterly unable to make previous dates, but is available this week. K. Magee stated that it needs to be done by April 15, 2016 so if anyone else is available to help please contact K. Magee.

-Northern Heights Well Grant – Csmr. P. Perkins will take measurements and agreed to build the pump house, but would like to get reimbursed for the materials. K. Magee agreed and will meet him up at sight to help take measurements.

Csmr. P. Perkins asked if the posts holes have been dug. K. Magee stated that the lower section might need to be done. K. Magee is questioning if a ditch witch should be rented to help with the installation of the pipping and electric.

6. Other Business

K. Magee updated the commission on the leasing of the farm land for Northern Heights Haying and Dudley Preserve Haying. The licenses' have been accepted and the agreement contract has been signed.

Charlie Potter has the Dudley Preserve at 19 acres for \$111.00 an acre

John Hammerlund has Northern Heights at 35 acres for \$100.00 an acre

The current licenses for Northern Heights - 3 B Ranch (Andrew Bazzuto) submitted bid of \$75.00 and therefor did not receive a new license.

K. Magee stated that the East River Preserve property is reserved for wildlife. The fields are cut yearly in August.

Farm Issues – Csmr. K. Brockett stated that there are some Board of Assessments issues related to farming. The commission needs more information from the Farm Bureau to assist with definition of farm buildings.

7. Correspondence  
None

8. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted by

Michelle C. Nazario  
Recording Secretary