

**Approved MINUTES**  
Guilford Agricultural Commission  
**May 18, 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, John Hammerlund, Janet Dudley  
and William Butterly**

**Absent: 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 7:35 pm

1. Approval of Agenda

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

2. Approval of Minutes  
- April 20, 2015

Motion made by Csmr. T. Pinchbeck and seconded by Csmr. P. Perkins the approval of meeting minutes from April 20, 2015 after changes for corrected spelling and it was unanimously approved.

3. Public Forum  
None

4. New Business

-Rt 1 west – report and recommendations from 5/5/15 - Csmr. T. Pinchbeck reviewed with the commission what Cmsr. G. Arbuckle, the liaison for Agriculture Commission send out. The planning and zoning are looking into possible rezoning the area from the DDR to the Town of Branford. Csmr. J. Hammarlund stated that the soils are not good and wouldn't be able to hold the septic due to the soils being clay. If there are any comments or concerns to report them to with Csmr. T. Pinchbeck or Kevin Magee.

5. Old Business

- Northern Heights Fencing Grant – Kevin Magee updated the commission stating that the draft contract will go before the selectman's meeting. The selectman will need a letter stating if there are any crossings, equipment, labor and material. Kevin Magee also put into the budget for a \$1000.00 bobcat to do the work. All this needs to be purchased by September. Kevin Magee is still working on pricing

for posts. Csmr. J. Hammarlund will forward information to Kevin Magee about posts and where to purchase them. Csmr. J. Hammarlund asked who will be doing the labor. Kevin Magee stated it will go through the District – Kelly and possibly Tilcon. A suggestion was made that local people should be consulted first for the labor.

- Update commission members terms – Cmsr. T. Pinchbeck and Csmr. J. Dudley have served their two full terms and will remain on until another Chair and Vice-Chair are appointed. Csmr. T. Pinchbeck will consult the Board of Selectman to amend the statues for time served on the commission. Barbara Hammarlund suggested looking into specializes such as agricultural attorney's like Atty. Bob Leitze to see if they would come to serve on the board. He has knowledge of agricultural issues. Kim Brockett and Anne McIntyre-Lahner have been asked if they would like to be on the commission.

#### 6. Other Business

-Ct 10% Grown Program – Barbara Hammarlund spoke to the commission regarding the 10% Grown Program. It is a program that has the town people committing to purchasing 10% of their produce from local farms. There is information regarding this and to also put the information out at the Guilford Fair in September.

-Kevin Magee updated the commission regarding the audit from the Map Grant. We received the final check from the State of Connecticut.

Barbara Hammarlund suggested that on the next round of maps to be printed to use updated pictures of your farm and possible that more farms will become involved. This also should be displayed at the fair at the Agricultural booth.

#### 7. Correspondence

- Ct Farm Bureau – April newsletter is here if anyone wants to review it.

- Northern Heights Open Space Letter – Letter went out last week letting the neighbors know about the ATV issues, dumping and to respect property lines. If any questions or information is needed it was stated to contact Kevin Magee.

#### 8. Adjournment

Motion by Csmr. T. Pinchbeck and seconded by Csmr. P. Wetteman to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by

Michelle C. Nazario  
Recording Secretary