

Approved MINUTES  
Guilford Agricultural Commission  
June 20, 2016  
Community Center- 32 Church St, Leete Room  
Note: Minutes not final until approved at subsequent meeting.

Members Present: Peter Perkins, John Hammerlund & Kim Brockett

Absent: Gary Arbuckle , Janet Dudley, Paul Wettemann & Bill Butterly

Staff: Kevin Magee – Environmental Planner

Items on the agenda were addressed in the order that would best expedite the meeting.

Vice Chairman Peter Perkins called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Csmr. Kim Brockett and seconded by Csmr. John Hammerlund to approve the agenda and it was unanimously approved.

2. Approval of Minutes  
- May 16, 2016

Motion made by Csmr. Kim Brockett and seconded by Csmr. John Hammerlund to approve the meeting minutes from May 16, 2016. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Public Forum

Dr. Ajgaonkar of 46 Wimler Lane explained to the commission that the pressure treated Boundary Post was knocked over by farmer last summer. He has a cedar post for the other property markers and would like them to be the same. He indicated that his contractor mowed over the property line onto town property and the police department was called to investigate. Dr. Ajgaonkar said he would pay for the area. He is concerned for his dog picking up ticks that can cause Lyme disease because of the tall grass. He feels that the town should cut 6 feet away from property to prevent ticks from traveling to his property.

Csmr. Peter Perkins indicated the farmer is insured for the property and injury could be on the farmer.

Csmr. Kim Brockett indicated that the town cannot be held to a higher standard than a private property owner with high grass along a property line.

Csmr's. John Hammerlund and Kim Brockett indicated that the 6' buffer will not stop the spread of Lyme disease since the ticks are carried by animals that crossover the property line.

Dr. Ajgaonkar indicated that he would pay to keep the area mowed short. Kevin Magee will check with Dino Esposito to see if he is interested in payment.

4. New Business

Barbara Hammerlund stated that there are several workshops from the Farm Bureau and Land Trust regarding grants. Commission members and staff should attend. Kevin indicated that there is money placed in the budget for members to attend the conference. Csmr. John Hammerlund suggested that the commission should put together an educational display for the fair, the Town Hall display case and the Dudley Farm.

5. Old Business

- Northern Heights Fence Grant – Csmr. Pete Perkins and Cmsr. John Hammerlund will work together to get the barbed wire up. Kevin indicated that he had the land stewards working with Michael Esposito with finishing the fence and putting the gates on.
- Northern Heights Well Grant – Received contract which was presented to the Board of Selectman. It was stated what work will be needed and needs to be done by September 15, 2016. There will be revised quotes from vendors to start work. A letter will be needed from Dino Esposito at Stoneridge Farms.
- Northern Heights Neighbor Update - Kevin Magee was asked to reach out to Dino Esposito regarding Dr. Ajgaonkar offer to pay the value of the area cut. Kevin Magee will check with legal counsel to see if it allowed under the contract. Csmr. Pete Perkins noted that we should come up with a protocol for issues involving the licensee.

6. Other Business - None

7. Correspondence - None

8. Adjournment

Motion by Csmr. John Hammerlund and seconded by Csmr. Kim Brockett to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by

Kevin W. Magee  
Environmental Planner