

**Approved MINUTES**  
**Guilford Agricultural Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**August 18, 2014**  
**Community Center- 32 Church St, Leete Room**  
*Note: Minutes not final until approved at subsequent meeting.*

**Members Present: Peter Perkins, Paul Wetteman, Tom Pinchbeck, John Hammerlund, Bill Butterly, Janet Dudley and Gary Arbuckle**

**Absent: None**

**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  
Upon a motion by Cmsr. J. Hammerlund and seconded by Cmsr. P. Perkins, it was unanimously voted to approve the agenda.
2. Approval of Minutes  
Upon a motion by Cmsr. Perkins and seconded by Cmsr. P. Wetteman, it was unanimously voted to approve the April 21, 2014 minutes
3. Public Forum-  
None
4. New Business-  
-Northern Heights – Fencing-possible grant – This grant will help with the fencing, drilling for fence post, bridge for the stream, labor etc. The estimate is about \$10,000 for labor and other materials are estimated at about \$19,000. The over all cost of the project is estimated at \$33,000. The Ag. Commission will provide about \$13, 560 in matches for labor and construction. Need to have fencing for the cows to stay out of the wetlands and for the manure not to go into wetlands. There will be a need for assistance from the Agricultural Commission. Barbara Hammerlund stated to take into account peoples level of knowledge for the project.

K. Magee stated that the grant is for projects that help to protect the Coginchaug River and the clean up of the water at the mouth of the Coginchaug River. The Northern Heights' fields are part of town land lease by Stone Ridge Farms.

J. Hammerlund suggested speaking with Seth Lerman from NRCS

K. Magee suggested help from the town with their equipment as well as the Engineering Department.

This would be a good time to go and assess the land and what to plan for.

Barbara Hammerlund asked who the fencing is being done by.

John Hammerlund pointed out on map showing drainage, ledge, and where the cross over fencing will be installed.

K. Magee is part of the Connecticut River Coastal Conservation District of Middletown Coginchaug River Watershed Base Plan Implementation Committee and they are trying to clean up the Coginchaug River which is the stream that goes through Dino's property and empties into.

Stone Ridge Farm would be notified of the grant since it involves part of the lease area.

5. Old Business

-AgVocate – no update

-Grant Approval – T. Pinchbeck asked if there was an expiration date on the grant. To find out information about how much map will cost, size, and lay out. Need to get a least 3 quotes and have them in by September 5, 2014. There is a date scheduled for proposals to be reviewed and presented for Sept 8, 2014 at 7:30. Barbara Hammerlund will speak with Larry who does the graphics to the Guilford Fair.

-Northern Heights Pasture-reviewed in New Business

6. Other Business

-Liaison to the Land Acquisition Commission – K. Magee reported nothing of emergence is going on.

7. Correspondence

-Note from Dino Esposito – Letter stating that for the rest of the year Diane will be taking care of Stone Ridge Farms. K. Magee suggested a letter from both Dino and Diane stating the agreement for ownership of the Stone Ridge Farms for this year.

8. Adjournment-

Then with no further business before it, upon a motion by Cmsr. P. Perkins and seconded by Cmsr. T. Pinchbeck, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting of the Guilford Agricultural Commission at approximately 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle C. Nazario