

Agriculture Commission

Monday, November 5, 2012

Town Office Annex

7:00 PM

1. Call to Order at 7:10 PM
2. Attendance Thomas, Stuhlman, Mackinnon, Stone present. Stuhlman to vote for absent Peter Dean. Student rep. Johnson present. EDC Simmons present.
3. Approval of minutes unanimous.
4. Liaison Reports
 - A. FFA student report. Ropes course cancelled
 - B. VoAg meeting possibly for December 3rd; Stone to attend
 - C. Other
5. Ongoing Projects
 - A. Farmers' Market is finished for season. Now beginning process of planning for next season. Overall, this season a success according to participants with some room for improvement. Roundtable contributors suggested starting next season earlier and finishing earlier.
 - B. Community Agriculture Center waiting for land clearing bids. Fence grant approved for protection of crops.
 - C. Grant applications still waiting to hear about award of STAEP grants for proposed construction of barn.
 - D. Website Management
 - E. Right to Farm ordinance waiting for Selectmen review then on to the attorney. Chairman Thomas said "irrigation" language is back in the ordinance.
6. Future Projects

A. Environmental Round Table Report some suggestions about farmers' market (see above) and certified kitchen at Center for Community Agriculture received support of Round Table.

B. Commission membership: Memo approved. Motion: Mackinnon
Second: Stone

7. Audience of Citizens Peter Simmons requested a farmers' list of contact info. to help target agricultural economic development opportunities. Chairman to send farmer database copy to Mr. Simmons.

8. Adjournment at 7:53 PM Motion: Mackinnon Second: Stuhlman

Respectfully submitted: Scot Mackinnon, recording secretary