

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING, APRIL 1, 2008

HELD AT 7:00 PM

LITTLETON TOWN OFFICES, 37 SHATTUCK ST., ROOM 230

Members Present: Jamie Cruz, Chairperson
Ken Banks, Vice-Chairperson
Linda Cantillon, Clerk
Amanda DeFreest
John Mitchell
Jill Brown
Janet Dutcher
Daniel Pickard
Alex Campbell
Peter Yapp

Members Absent: None

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Past Minutes

The minutes from March 4, 2008 were reviewed. Jamie moved to approve the minutes. This motion was objected to by Peter Yapp. He suggested that several paragraphs of the minutes be removed from record. A discussion took place. Linda Cantillon exited from the meeting at this point.

Jamie Cruz moved that the paragraphs in question be removed and the minutes approved. The motion was seconded by Jon Mitchell; vote: aye, unanimous.

The minutes from March 18, 2008 were reviewed. Jamie Cruz moved to approve the minutes; motion seconded by Amanda DeFreest; vote: aye, unanimous.

Apology

Ken Banks asked for a moment to express his regrets for not being present at past meetings. He stated that business responsibilities had kept him from attending.

Ag in the Classroom

Jamie shared a copy of the letter she received from Diane Bemis, Superintendent of Littleton Public Schools. The letter was discussed. Jamie and Amanda agreed to meet with school Administration in the near future to get ideas of how to incorporate Ag

curriculum into the schools. They will consult with the Historical Society for further information if warranted.

Proposed Bylaw Change

Peter Yapp suggested that the current bylaw needed to be customized include language specific to the town of Littleton. The Farmer Bylaw will be addressed at the upcoming town meeting.

Proposed Articles 27 and 28

A letter forwarded from Selectmen, Alex McCurdy informing the group of these upcoming articles was shared with the group. Lengthy discussion took place. A motion was made by Ken Banks to draft a statement regarding the articles; motion seconded by Peter Yapp; vote: aye, unanimous.

The following statement was agreed upon by the Commission; The Littleton Agricultural Commission is in support of preserving agricultural and open space in the town of Littleton.

Alex Campbell exited the meeting.

Work Plan

Discussed. To be continued.

Survey Letter

Jamie updated the group on the responses. Several members are still following up with farmers for their input. Request for the surveys to be returned in a timely fashion will be posted in the Littleton Independent. Janet Dutcher has done this.

Summer Meeting Schedule

Dan Pickard made a motion that for the months of May through November the Commission every third Tuesday, and that the time be changed to 7:30 PM; motion seconded by Ken Banks; vote: aye, unanimous. Linda Cantillon and Alex Campbell were not present and did not vote.

John Mitchell moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 PM; motion seconded by Jamie Cruz; vote: aye, unanimous.

The next meeting will be held on April 15, 2008

Minutes submitted by Janet M. Dutcher