Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 7:30 p.m.
Room 307, Town Hall- 37 Shattuck Street, Littleton, MA

Members Present: William Pickard, Jamie Cruz, Gerard Cavallo, Christine Nordhaus, Andrew Sammarco, Brad Mitchell

Members Absent: Scott Matheson

Town Counsel: Jennie Merrill

Chair William Pickard called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Review of Minutes: Moved by Jamie Cruz to accept minutes of January 2, 2109 AgComm meeting, seconded by Gerry Cavallo. Voted to approve by Will Pickard, Jamie Cruz, Christine Nordhaus, Gerry Cavallo, Andrew Sammarco. Abstained: Brad Mitchell

Church Meadows:
The commission went through a draft conservation restriction (CR) with Town Counsel Jennie Merrill in order to create a conservation restriction that considers the special requirements needed by farmers.

Jamie Cruz stated that AgComm had submitted comments on a CR in 2014 for Church Meadows. Jennie asked Jamie to send her the documents from 2014. Jamie will send them to Christine.

Jennie informed AgComm that an entity outside the Town needs to hold the Conservation Restriction. Brad Mitchell recommended against using Sudbury Valley Trustees. Gerry Cavallo suggested Littleton Conservation Trust be asked to hold CR on Church Meadows. Brad Mitchell suggested creating a Littleton Farmland Conservation Trust, recommends against a Conservation Trust managing agricultural lands. Gerry recommends against fracturing in order to keep Littleton lands in the care of Littleton Land Trusts.

Jamie Cruz left meeting at 8:06 pm.
Will asked who holds the CR for Church Meadows now. He thinks it is ConsComm, but it may be the Board of Selectmen. Andrew will look up who currently holds the Church Meadows CR. Transferring the CR to AgComm may require a legislative vote.

Will suggests AgComm hold off on assuming care, custody and control of Church Meadows until it is cleaned up, Request for Proposal documents are completed, and the Conservation Restriction is completed and transferred to an appropriate trust.

**New Business:**
Right to Farm Community Signs/Littleton Country Fair: Christine will remind Jamie to send artwork for Right to Farm Community Signs. Christine is concerned there won’t be enough time to gather information about pricing or to Community Preservation Committee for funding in advance of unveiling at Littleton Country Fair.

Brad suggests coming up with five topics to put into a one-pager for Littleton Country Fair. Suggestions:
- Explain what “Right to Farm” means
- Benefits of farming
- Explain how 61A and how the ratio of services to taxes means Agricultural Lands are the least expensive land use designation for the town.
- Food Security and Resiliency in a community

**Next AgComm Meeting:** April 24, 2019 at 7:30 pm

Christine Nordhaus moved to adjourn meeting, Gerry Cavallo seconded, unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm

Christine Nordhaus, Clerk

**Approved:**