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**Durham Agricultural Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
7:00 pm, 3rd floor Meeting Room, Town Hall**

Members: Warren Herzig, Melissa Dziurgot, David Zemelsky, Roger Passavant

Alternates: Joe Pasquale

Seating: Joe Pasquale was seated for Fred Mastele

1. Meeting was called to order by Melissa Dziurgot (Vice Chairman) at 7:05 pm and roll call was taken.
2. Motion was made by Warren Herzig and seconded by David Zemelsky to accept the February 16th, 2016 Meeting Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Motion was made by Warren Herzig and seconded by Roger Passavant to accept the Minutes of the January 19th, 2016 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Note: Two “Special” Meetings had been held on January 26th, 2016 and February 9th, 2016 for the formulation of the Agricultural Chapter to the Town of Durham Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD).

4. Motions were made by Joe Pasquale and seconded by Roger Passavant to accept the Meeting Minutes of the two “Special” Meetings referred to above. The motions passed unanimously.
5. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

6. Old Business

Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD)

Roger explained to the Commission that the changes requested by its members to the initial Draft of the Agricultural Chapter for the POCD at the two “Special” AgComm

meetings had been made. A final Draft of the Ag Chapter had been prepared and e-mailed to the Ag Commissioners prior to this meeting in the hope that it could be approved tonight and sent off to the Planning and Zoning Commission immediately.

The Ag Commissioners reviewed this final Draft at the Meeting and they all seemed quite pleased with the final version.

Joe Pasquale made a motion to accept the final Draft “as is,” with no changes. Roger Passavant seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

A brief conversation followed the passing of this motion. Warren felt it was very important that the P&Z Commission supply us with any changes they wanted to make to our final Draft. Joe added that the Ag Commission should have the opportunity to discuss any proposed changes with P&Z. Another motion was then made by Warren Herzig that any changes to the POCD Ag Chapter should be supplied to the Ag Comm by P&Z and that we should have the opportunity to discuss those changes with P&Z. This motion was seconded by Roger Passavant and passed unanimously.

### Guilford Road Properties

Roger reported that he was still working on the proposed Management Plan for the Properties. He had started on a rough draft which he passed around to some of the Commissioners.

### Durham Grown Signs

There was a long discussion among the Commissioners regarding the “Durham Grown” signs. First, it was decided that we would increase the size of the signs from the current 18” x 24” to 24” x 36”. Then came the matter of how to pay for the new signs. The Ag Commission’s budget for 2016 is \$150 and we would need approximately \$800 for the new signs. A variety of ideas were explored regarding how to request funding for the signs.

Melissa supplied the Commission with a handout explaining that Fred Mastele had requested an increase in the Ag Commission budget from the Board of Finance. She reported that he had asked the BOF for a budget of \$950 in the coming year - the original budget of \$150 plus an additional \$800 for “Durham Grown” signs.

Roger made a motion to approve the Budget Request proposed by Fred for the funding of the “Durham Grown” signs. David Zemelsky seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

7. New Business / Legislative Updates

Melissa had very little to report on the State level other than that “the State is out of money.”

There was also a brief discussion of the increased taxation of PA-490 properties.

8. Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Joe Pasquale and seconded by Warren Herzig.