

RECV'D: Office of the Town Clerk October 12, 2016 4:15pm
Durham Agricultural Commission
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 17th, 2016
7:00 pm, 3rd floor Meeting Room, Town Hall

Members: Fred Mastele, Melissa Dziurgot, Roger Passavant, Warren Herzig

Alternates: Dick Porter

Seating: Dick Porter was seated for David Zemelsky

1. Meeting was called to order by Fred Mastele at 7:04 pm and roll call was taken.
2. Motion was made by Melissa Dziurgot and seconded by Roger Passavant to accept the agenda for the May 17th, 2016 meeting. Motion passed unanimously
3. Motion was made by Dick Porter and seconded by Melissa Dziurgot to accept the minutes of the April 19th, 2016 meeting. Motion passed unanimously
4. Public Comment There was no public comment.
5. Old Business

Plan of Conservation and Development

Fred reported that he had received an email from Joe Pasquale regarding delays that were occurring with the work on the POCD. It was reported that there were some mistakes found on the original "Agricultural Inventory" that our Commission had completed five years prior. There was a brief discussion regarding making corrections and changes.

Guilford Road Properties

Due to the small number of Commission members present at this meeting, Fred recommended tabling this topic until the next Ag Commission meeting. Motion made by Dick Porter to "Table the Discussion." Seconded by Melissa Dziurgot. Passed unanimously.

Durham Grown Signs

Discussion between Fred and Roger regarding sign funding and budget. Fred to try to schedule a time when the AgComm can meet with the Board of Finance on this subject. Both the Commission and the Board meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

6. New Business

Fred and Melissa reported on the following:

- . Melissa reported on State budget cuts. Included in these cuts was a large financial hit taken by the Agricultural Experiment Station.
- . Fred reported on an Energy Conservation Conference being held by Eversource.
- . Fred reported on a local Middletown farmer, Ed Hills, who has been fighting an illness, and an upcoming benefit event for him.
- . Fred reported on an Economic Development Commission (EDC) brochure that he had received from Warren and asked our members if they thought the “Durham Grown Website” farms would want to be included in future editions of the brochure.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Dick Porter and seconded by Melissa Dziurgot. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.