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Durham Agricultural Commission
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 19th, 2016
7:00 pm, 3rd floor Meeting Room, Town Hall

Members: Warren Herzig, David Zemelsky, Roger Passavant

Alternates: Joe Pasquale

Seating: Joe Pasquale was seated for Fred Mastele

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:18 by Warren Herzig who was sitting in as Chairman for Fred Mastele. Roll call was taken.
2. Motion was made by Joe Pasquale and seconded by David Zemelsky to accept the July 19th, 2016 Meeting Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Motion was made by Roger Passavant and seconded by Joe Pasquale to accept the Minutes of the June 21st, 2015 Meeting. Joe had requested a minor change to the Planning and Zoning section. Roger agreed to make the change. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Public Comment. There was no public comment.
5. Old Business.

Definition of Agriculture

Fred had supplied this evening's Agenda to Warren (which contained the item "Agriculture definition for P&Z") and had also e-mailed this Agenda to AgComm members prior to the meeting. There was confusion among the members in attendance as to what Fred was looking for.

Guilford Road Properties

There was an extended discussion of this topic among the members. Warren reported that he had spoken with Kelly at the Connecticut River Coastal Conservation District (CRCCD) who had inquired as to where the Durham AgComm stood on its work with the Guilford Road Properties. David reported that he had spoken with Seth from the National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and had wanted to discuss the erosion levels with Seth as well as what the NRCS had pointed out in their photos from the

original site walk. Joe offered to look for historical maps of the Properties to see if the path of the Coginchaug River had changed over time due to erosion or obstructions. Warren felt we should supply photos of the Coginchaug River and its fine condition throughout the two Properties to oppose the *one* photo displayed by the NRCS. David once again raised his concern about not compromising with the NRCS' plan and how this position would not help us in receiving approval from the Durham BOS.

David raised a specific concern regarding the proposed Management Plan: he asked who the "subject matter experts" were in the "Our Commitment to the Property" paragraph. It was agreed that all the Commission Members had concerns regarding this paragraph and that it should be rewritten. Roger will forward this information to Fred so he can re-forward it to all Commission Members with the hope that they will work on constructing a new paragraph for our next meeting.

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Still have to schedule meeting with BOF to request funding.

Plan of Conservation and Development

Joe reported on the public hearings that both the Board of Selectmen and the Planning and Zoning Commission had held on this matter.

6. New Business

There was no new business.

Motion to Adjourn

On motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm