

Durham Agricultural Commission
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 18th, 2016
7:00 pm, 3rd floor Meeting Room, Town Hall

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

Alternates: Dick Porter, Joe Pasquale

Seating: Joe Pasquale was seated for Fred Mastele. Melissa Dziurgot, Vice Chairman, ran the meeting for Fred Mastele, Chairman

1. Meeting was called to order by Melissa Dziurgot at 7:08 pm and roll call was taken.
2. Motion was made by Joe Pasquale and seconded by Warren Herzig to accept the October 18th, 2016 Meeting Agenda. Passed unanimously.
3. Motion was made by Joe Pasquale and seconded by Warren Herzig to accept the Minutes of the August 16th, 2016 meeting. Passed with one abstention.
4. Public Comment. There was no public comment.
5. Old Business

Guilford Road Properties

Warren reported that he had spoken with Fred who had told him First Selectman Laura Francis would like to meet with the Ag Commission to discuss the proposed Management Plan. Warren had also contacted Seth Lehrman of the NRCS to discuss riparian buffers in further detail. There was a discussion of the possibility of permits being required for any work from the Inland/Wetland Commission and, possibly, the Army Corps of Engineers.

Warren stated that Fred will coordinate setting up the meeting with Laura. Joe inquired whether all of the Selectmen would be in attendance.

The discussion then focused on Allyn Brook and the condition of the White's Farm Property where no riparian buffer was used by the State D.E.E.P. The Ag Comm members talked about visiting that Property to see the condition of the Brook and surrounding property to use as a comparison.

It was agreed that we would meet at Allyn Brook on Friday, October 28th, 2016 at 12:00 noon. It was also recommended that Fred should notify Rick Huntley and the Conservation Commission, which maintains and manages the Property, that we will be doing this site walk.

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No update.

6. New Business

Melissa reported on a few State items:

- . Due to the State's poor fiscal condition, the State is trying to "raid money wherever they can."
- . Discussion at the State level of possibly cutting VoAg or Technical School funding.
- . Solar panel debate - an ongoing debate regarding whether to use "good, viable" farm land for the installation of solar fields.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Joe Pasquale and seconded by Warren Herzig. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

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