

**Durham Agricultural Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, November 15th, 2016  
7:00 pm, 3rd floor Meeting Room, Town Hall**

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

Alternates: Dick Porter, Joe Pasquale

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm and roll call was taken.
2. Motion was made by Melissa Dziurgot and seconded by Warren Herzig to accept the November 15th, 2016 Meeting Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Motion was made by Warren Herzig and seconded by Melissa Dziurgot to accept the Minutes of the October 18th, 2016 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Public Comment. There was no public comment.
5. Old Business.

Guilford Road Properties

The Commission had a lengthy discussion regarding the site walk that took place on October 28th, 2016. Quite a bit of the conversation revolved around the difference in “philosophies” between the Conservation Commission and the Agricultural Commission. Quite a few members of the Ag Commission were concerned with how “overgrown” the Allyn Brook area was already. Fred offered to draft a letter outlining these concerns and there was a brief discussion regarding what its contents should be. Joe inquired re to whom this letter would be sent. It was finally suggested that perhaps it would be better just to attend a Board of Selectmen meeting. The next BOS meeting is scheduled for November 21st, 2016. Fred will attempt to get us on its Agenda.

Durham Grown Signs

There was a brief discussion regarding these signs. Roger said he would try to get a copy of the original budget request that Fred filed with the Finance Director a year ago. This led to a discussion of who the new Finance Director would be and what the Ag Comm's amount would be in the next Town Budget.

### Agricultural Regulations

There had been a discussion at a previous AgComm meeting that the Planning and Zoning Commission was going to be working on Regulation reviews in the future. Warren had asked Joe if the P&Z had started on this yet since these reviews might affect agricultural entities. Joe reported that P&Z would start the review process in the coming year.

### 6. New Business

- . State of Connecticut Annual Farm Bureau meeting will be held on November 18th, 2016. Melissa will report back with updates.
- . Discussion of Howd Road Hay Mowing lease. Original 5 year lease is expiring and request for bids on new lease will be going out shortly.
- . Discussion of Deerfield Farm well: it has been reported that due to drought conditions, Melynda Naples is having trouble with the well.
- . Discussion of lack of attendance by one of the Ag Commission's members. Fred to reach out to this member to discuss.

### Motion to Adjourn

Motion made by Roger Passavant and seconded by Melissa Dziurgot. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.