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**TOWN OF DARTMOUTH
NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING**

THIS NOTICE SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 30A, SECTION 20

To the Residents of the Town of Dartmouth:

Be advised that the following open meeting will take place as described below:

Public Body: Dartmouth Agricultural Comm Time: 7⁰⁰ AM PM (circle one)

Date: April 16, (sixteenth) 2015; Thursday (please write out)
(day of week, month, day year)

Location: Town Hall Rm 314
(street address, including building name and room number, if applicable)

List of topics that may be discussed (attach additional sheet(s) if necessary):

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| <u>Secy's Rept</u> | <u>Shir James</u> | <u>Ag Day recap</u> |
| <u>Trans. rept.</u> | <u>planning dept + issues</u> | <u>Regional Ag Com Meeting</u> |
| <u>Farm: hist.</u> | <u>MDAR/MALPC report</u> | <u>SEMAP report</u> |
| <u>Copycat</u> | <u>Farm Bureau</u> | <u>SEMAHA report</u> |

Schiffeld. Continued on attached sheet(s)? Y N (circle one)

Chair: David A. Brownell Secy, [Signature]
(print name) (signature)

For Town Clerk's use only

Please sign one:

This notice has been posted at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays

The Town Clerk has been informed by the relevant Chair that the above meeting addresses an emergency that requires immediate action (as described in the list of topics), and that this notice has been posted as soon as was reasonably possible

This notice has been rejected as untimely, with no emergency basis given

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2/19/2015 Dartmouth Agricultural Commission Minutes

Members present: Jim Munger, Susan Murray, Sandy Gosselin, Bev King, Vince Frary, David Brownell, Sue Guiducci, and Fred Dabney

The meeting was called to order at 6:40

Secretary's report: the previous meeting's minutes were approved 8-0-0

Treasurer's report: no change in this period.

Philip Lantz was appointed delegate from the Financial Com., to the Agricultural Preservation Trust Com. 8-0-0.

Copicut Farms waits for a new RFP from Greg Barnes, who as issues with affordability. The Commission and the Vincents continue to work for a straight single-season lease.

Matte: The Commission will withdraw its advocacy of assuming the Town's right of first refusal as there seems to be no farmer or other entity willing to purchase or preserve the property.

ALPC/MDAR: Fred noted that despite cordial relations with the new Commissioner, most of the current staff at APR and MDAR seem well entrenched.

Animal/piggery regs: Vince noted several issues still to be resolved: 1) separation of piggery and other animal regs, 2) deletion of any regs governing feed, 3) elimination of abutter notification, 4) definition of "confinement" (are pigs in a barn during winter weather "confined?"), 5) does "facility" constitute the entire farm, 6) vagueness in use of the term "livestock."

Schofield farm—Issues regarding conditions at the farm were raised as the farm applies for a piggery license.

Farm Bureau: The annual Legislative Breakfast is upcoming.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

Respectfully submitted,

David Brownell, Secretary

Next meeting: Thursday March 19, 2015, Rm 314, Town Hall at 7:00 PM