

1/16/2014 Dartmouth Agricultural Commission Minutes

Members present: Sue Guiducci, Bev King, David Brownell, Donna Edberg, Fred Dabney, Vince Frary, Derek Christianson, Jim Munger, and Susan Murray.

The meeting was convened at 6:40 PM.

Secretary's report: The previous meeting's minutes were approved as corrected 9-0-0.

Treasurer's report: No change in this period. It was voted 9-0-0 to spend up to \$500. from the funds held by DNRT to pay Amy Thurber for updating the Dartmouth farm map.

Town Farms: Sue Guiducci and Vince noted that all the paperwork was finished for the APR at Dutchbelt (Copicut) farm. There was a brief discussion of land up for sale at 600 Potomska Road.

David reported that the Select Board has received a P & S for ^{The} Lucardi farmland. It was voted 9-0-0 to ask the Board for more time in which to look for private funding to allow a non-profit to take up the 61-A right of first refusal. Bev will contact DNRT; Susan Murray and Sue Guiducci will approach others.

It was noted that the Trustees of Reservations want ideas as to what might be done with the Haskell property in New Bedford.

Fred noted that SEMAP has reorganized under a new Board and needs input as to its mission.

Sue will be talking with the safety officer as to placement of right-to-farm signs. She further noted that the Dartmouth Grange will hold a potluck and movie. Heat treatment of seed will be offered by the Conservation District on the Ag. School.

There was a brief discussion of what the Commission could do to help the Anniversary of the founding of Old Dartmouth.

Fred described a meeting of the Farmer's Union which he attended. Nate L'Etoile is on their board. He also noted that new APR and Composting

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regulations, even possible legislation, are imminent, and that the annual New England Grows conference will take place February 5-7.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Brownell, Secretary

Next meeting: ^{Feb.} ~~January~~ 20, 2014, at 6:30 PM, in Rm 314.

Agenda:

Secretary's report
Treasurer's report
Town farm issues/ATFC report (if any)
-Copicut
- Lucardi
- 600 Potomska Rd.
Farm Bureau report
-legislative breakfast
-APR Committee meeting
MDAR/Ag Board report
Right to farm signage report
Brochure report
Old Business
New Business

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David reported that Jackie Chamberlain will be the new President of Bristol County Farm Bureau. Jim reported on his trip to the AFBF Annual Meeting in Texas.