

11/20/2014 Dartmouth Agricultural Commission Minutes

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM

Secretary's report: The previous meeting's minutes were approved 5-0-0.

Treasurer's report: No change in this period.

Town farms:

-Copicut-Vince reported on discussions with the town regarding need for a new r.f.p. before a lease can be signed. No progress on securing an APR on the farm despite cutting the conservation land out of the parcel

-Round-the-Bend Farm has new ownership and dog problems.

APR report: Fred noted that there is decreased funding in the new budget, which may have implications for Copicut's application.

MDAR report: Fred noted that the early appointment of new Commissioner will be a good sign as to Gov.-elect Baker's priorities. Many are interested in the job.

Sandy reported that Mary Mehri's gates were up, leaving the remaining problem of barking dogs, which is not the Ag Com's problem. She also noted a rise in piggery applications, some by people who did not know how to keep pigs. There may be need for a review of the piggery regulations.

Jim noted Farm Bureau's Annual Meeting early in December.

Brief reports were given on activities at the Livestock Association and at SEMAP.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Brownell, Secretary

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Next Meeting January 15, 2015

Rm 314, Town Hall, 6:30 PM

Agenda:

Secty's report

Treasurer's report

Town Farms

--Copicut

MDAR report

Farm Bureau report

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