

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

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Agenda:

Secretary's report

Treasurer's report

Farms:

-Lister (tax issue)

-Copicut

-Schofield

-other farms

Brochure report

Farm Bureau report

MDAR/ALPC report

Commissioners' terms

Piggery/livestock regs update

Ag Day coordination

Darrin Mendes's suggestion for "advisor" status.

New business (Fred inserts 1) Slaughterhouse update, 2) SEMAP update, 3) "Ag Com

Update from Annual Meeting.")

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