

Great Barrington Agricultural Commission Approved Minutes

11/18/13 6pm Town Hall Public Meeting Room

Members Attending:

Vivian Orłowski

Barbara Zuetlin

Luke Pryjma

Public Attendees:

Laurly Epstein

Annette Grant

Jake Levin

Jamie Paxton

1. Discussed small scale slaughter in Great Barrington. Agreed to support a small ecologically balanced slaughter facility if there was a feasibility study and a business plan to support it.
2. Discussed Ag Com grant application. Agreed to support Land Access for Farming Conference happening in April and sponsored by Berkshire Grown and Community Land Conservancy.
3. Discussed possibility of Ag Com website. Agreed to start www.qbagcom.org for general farming information.
4. Discussed our budget. Agreed to support Land Access of Farming Conference. This conference will support Berkshire County farmers' access to farming land. We will support the conference financially and support Great Barrington farmers to attend. We'd also like to support our members to attend the annual Ag Com conference at Hancock Shaker Village December 7th.
5. Discussed how to cultivate a better relationship with GB Conservation Commission. I, Luke Pryjma, agreed to attend a Con Com meeting to begin our better relationship.
6. During other concerns, we discussed the Trans Pacific Partnership. We agreed we are all against it and want to tell this to Representative Neal in a formal letter.
7. Meeting adjourned at 8pm.