

Agricultural Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes: January 27, 2001

Members Present: Wendell Willard, Candy Frazer, Pam Browning, Al Combs

Called to order at 7:32 PM

Old Business

Web site development – P. Browning has provided previously to the members links to sites of other town agricultural committee sites. Pam will coordinate with Tim Arnold to develop a sample site. We will explore the benefits of using the Town site or developing a separate site which would be open to farmers in the community to post their individual pages. It was discussed that we would like to be able to link to the Harvard Farmers Market site, have on our site the full Right to Farm By Law, the mandated form of notice to property owners, the By Law establishing the Agricultural Advisory Commission, a map of Harvard with all farm stands indicated, and a map indicating the location of equestrian facilities in the town.

The chairman indicated that he believed our initial budget allocation was for two years expiring in FY 2012.

Right to Farm signs – Al Combs is to contact Dick Nota at DPW as to the method of sign erection at the 7 sites previously discussed. A discussion of the sign design brought out that some other towns signs are difficult to see and read due to too much art and detail. A. Combs noted that in New York state the towns with right to farm by laws have a simple black and white sign added below the standard welcome to Town of ? signs. It was noted that a couple of our locations do not have Town of Harvard signs present and we would need to provide that part as well at those sites. A. Combs to report back at February meeting.

New Business

The chairman notified us that he had received by mail an invitation from the Mass Association of Agricultural Commissions asking us to join. There would be no dues for this membership in 2011. The vote was 4 – 0 in favor of joining MAAC.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Al Combs