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Town of Orleans
Agricultural Advisory Council
Minutes of Meeting **March 12, 2012**

The monthly meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Council was called to order at 4:03pm by Chairman David Light. Also present were Gretel Norgeot, David Slack and Darnell Caffoni.

Motion was made by Ms. Norgeot and seconded by Mr. Slack to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2012 meeting. Motion carried 3-0-1, with Mr. Light abstaining due to his absence from said meeting.

Ms. Caffoni advised the council members that the meeting minutes must be approved before being submitted to the Town Clerk's office and suggested that inquiry be made with our Selectmen Liaison, Mr. Sims McGrath as to perhaps having the time period stated within the charge extended.

The members then perused and discussed right to farm bylaws from the Brewster and Duxbury Agricultural Commissions as well as the model right to farm bylaw as presented on the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture website (www.mass.gov/agr/docs/farmbylaw.pdf).

There was a general discussion of research gathered by council members regarding agricultural matters within the town, including the Community Gardens, Putnam Farm property, proposed Board of Health policies for Farmers Markets and upcoming drafting of policies regarding the keeping of animals.

It was agreed that all members will continue with independent research and bring these items forward at meetings to continue to pursue how this council can best serve the town.

Ms. Norgeot departed the meeting at 4:22pm.

Discussion then turned to the review of the report of the Agricultural Task Force and upon a motion by Mr. Slack and seconded by Mr. Light, it was agreed that the Council will move forward from review to be taken up again as necessary at future meetings.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Caffoni, seconded by Mr. Slack, voted 3-0-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Darnell B. Caffoni, Clerk

Date approved: _____

