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Town of Orleans Agricultural Advisory Council Minutes of Meeting May 14, 2012

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The monthly meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Council was called to order at 3:42 by Chairman David Light. Also present were Gretel Norgeot, Judith Scanlon, David Slack and Darnell Caffoni.

Motion was made by Ms. Norgeot and seconded by Mr. Slack to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2012 meeting as presented by Mr. Light. Motion carried 4-0-1, with Ms. Caffoni abstaining due to her absence from said meeting.

Ms. Norgeot presented the draft policies for Farmers' Markets in Orleans from the Board of Health to the membership. There was some concern among the membership about the definitions contained within said policies, and it was agreed that these concerns should be discussed with Mr. Canning, Health Agent. Motion was made and carried 5-0-0 that questions would be constructed by the membership and emailed to Mr. Light for compilation.

Discussion then turned to land acquisitions and transfers. It was agreed that the council would invite Mr. Alan McClennan of the Open Space Committee and Mr. Kris Ramsey of the Orleans Conservation Trust to join us at our next meeting and update us on the Putnam property as well as other conservation land in town. It was expressed that the council would also advocate for agricultural uses to be included as an option in all future conservation purchases made by the town. Motion made and carried 5-0-0.

It was agreed that Mr. Light would contact the Selectman Liaison to the Council, Mr. Sims McGrath to assist us in determining the best path forward to including a Right to Farm bylaw in the next Town Meeting. Motion made and carried 5-0-0.

Motion was made and carried 5-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 4:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darnell B. Caffoni, Clerk

Date approved: