

Town of Orleans  
Agricultural Advisory Council  
Minutes of Meeting      June 11, 2012

The monthly meeting was called to order at 3:30pm by Chairman David Light. Also present were Gretel Norgeot, David Slack and Darnell Caffoni.

The minutes of the March meeting were reviewed and approved as corrected on a motion made by Mr. Slack and seconded by Ms. Caffoni. Motion carried 4-0-0.

The minutes of the May meeting were reviewed and approved as presented on a motion made by Mr. Slack and seconded by Mr. Light. Motion carried 4-0-0.

A copy of the Orleans Board of Health's Farmers' Market policy which was approved at their April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting was distributed to all members of the board by Ms. Caffoni.

Ms. Scanlon joined the meeting at 3:47pm.

The members discussed the Board of Health's intent to draft policies and/or regulations regarding the keeping of farm animals. The group agreed that Ms. Scanlon would schedule a meeting with Mr. Canning of the Board of Health to find out the status of this project and express the Council's desire to be both involved and informed.

After much discussion regarding a "Right to Farm" regulation, it was agreed that Chairman Light would contact the Council's Selectman Liaison, Sims McGrath, and ask him to attend our July meeting to help us to move forward with getting this on the agenda for a town meeting.

Chairman Light expressed his desire that the council move forward in making the connection between agriculture and market gardening by educating the public. He expressed the belief that "Market Gardens" of Orleans are the "new" agriculture.

Chairman Light also proposed inviting Mr. Kris Ramsey, Mr. Alan McClennan and Mr. John Jannell to the August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss adding agriculture as an option to all conservation restrictions as well as the progress of the Putnam Property.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Darnell Caffoni  
Clerk

Date Approved: July 9, 2012