

AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

ORLEANS, MA

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2012, MEETING

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Meeting called to order at 3:30 pm.

Present: David Light, Judy Scanlon, Gretel Norgeot, David Slack

Absent: Darnell Caffoni

Minutes of the November 19 meeting read and accepted.

Gretel Norgeot reported that the Mass Ag Commissions Conference, which is of interest to the Council, usually takes place in March.

David Light reported on the Planning Board meeting of December 4 at which it was unanimously voted to forward the proposed Right to Farm bylaw to the Board of Selectmen.

Annual Town Report: Several revisions and clarifications were made to the working draft of the report, after which Judy Scanlon moved, with a second by David Slack, to submit the report as revised. Motion passed unanimously.

Judy Scanlon said that she would miss the February and probably the March meetings of the Council. David Light said that he would miss the February meeting.

Gretel Norgeot reported that an Agricultural Commission had recently been established by the town of Truro, according to a story in the Nov. 30, 2012, Cape Codder.

There was discussion of the 2012 Massachusetts referendum vote on medicinal marijuana.

David Slack reported on the difficulties involved in tracing oysters infected by *Vibrio paralyticus* (VB) back to the original grower, and how easy it is for an innocent grower to be lumped in with growers responsible for the infection. When there is negative publicity, all growers suffer.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35pm

Respectfully submitted,

David Light, Chairman

Approved 1/14/13
David Light