

Agricultural Commission Meeting
Minutes
October 30, 2018 7:00 PM
Rutland Historical Commission's Wood Studio

Present: Randy Jordan, Glenn Kauppila, Debbie Carlson, Jesse Klayman, Jerry Kristoff
Guest: Leah Whiteman

Meeting called to order at 7:37
Minutes of September unanimously approved.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Randy to verify need with Paula Stidsen. Donation either through Food Pantry or Church

Donations as follows:

Randy - turkey and gravy
Jerry - 2 pies
Glenn - potatoes, squash, green bean casserole
Jesse - stuffing, cranberry sauce, rolls
Deb - cider and centerpiece

Pia and Kate will be contacted and list updated accordingly.

Selectboard Meeting of 10/9/2018

Jesse has been appointed as full member. Still needs to be sworn in.

Glenwood Field update:

*Already an article on Special Town Meeting to authorize Selectboard to request bids for recreation.

*Discussion concerning lack of homework done by Selectboard. Motion that we draft a letter stating this and restating our position that this parcel remain in agriculture. Voted unanimously.

*Leah was asked to share copies of all input letters/emails to the Selectboard in July.

*Discussion of ways to fund the town being able to exercise Right of First Refusal for parcels of land coming out of 61A. Possible ideas are warrant article to create an account, possibly a recurring payment from free cash annually or as a yearly warrant article, research possibility of a fund already in existence. Also, reach out to Holden and Mass Assoc. of Agricultural Commissions to see how other towns fund. Discuss again.

Status of Request for Bids for Agricultural Fields

Leah to follow up with Town Administrator.

Debbie to follow up with Town Clerk.

Festival of Forgotten Arts

Jerry reports 9 tractors participated in Antique Tractor Show.

Kate and her husband assisted with set up.

Good turnout and well received.