

**Agricultural Commission Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**December 18, 2018 7:00 PM**  
**Harvest Grille, Jefferson**

Present: Randy Jordan, Pia Nielsen, Glenn Kauppila, Debbie Carlson, Jesse Klayman, Jerry Kristoff, Kate Gervais (WCCD), Members of Holden Agricultural Commission, and Central Mass Grown

Meeting called to order after dinner, 8:25.

Each Commission discussed their own business prior to joint discussion.

Minutes of November unanimously approved.

**Membership:**

Letter of Interest submitted by Kate for alternate position. Unanimous vote to recommend her appointment.

Pia has submitted a letter to resign as Vice Chair. She will remain in the position until next meeting.

**Other:**

Draft from Selectboard regarding Agriculture Land Planning and Preservation Plan passed out for review and discussion at January meeting.

**Joint discussion - Pruning Event:**

Location and date - Holden Senior Center, February 2, 2019

Jon Clemens will be the speaker.

On-site field demo will be held at Sholan Farms, February 16, 2019

Sponsorship by Holden and Rutland Agcoms, Worcester County Conservation District, and Central Mass Grown

Discussion of attendance - RSVP requested? Length of workshop needs to be established.

Charge for or free event - charge lends value and commitment. Discussion of perhaps indoor portion free event and charge for field demo. Refreshments?

Promotion - WCCD will have print, email and website info. Central Mass Grown to assist.

Other suggestions: WTAG, The Landmark, Social Media, Town light boards, Local Cable, does Jon Clemens have his own materials?

Inclement Weather Plans discussed.

Financial Impact - cost of speakers, refreshments, etc - total could be approximately \$600. to be shared equally.

Motion made and carried unanimously that both Chairs would coordinate and make decisions, since there will not be another joint meeting prior to event.

Next meeting January 15, 2019

Meeting adjourned 9:10