



Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by:	Pat Pepi, Peggy Rotti second
Location:	West Boylston Town Hall Meeting Rm 1
Date/Time	Tuesday 03/13/12 7:32/pm
Attendees (Present in Bold)	Pat Pepi, Erin Palumbo, Lynn Fallavollita, Peg Rotti, Don Varney

Agenda Topics		Discussion
1) Review Minutes December 12, 2011		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion made to accept by Lynn Fallavollita, Peg Rotti second.
2) Farmers Markets		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Erin discussed what we reviewed to date. She mentioned that we may not want to compete with Sterling. Peg mentioned that a Farmers Market should sell items that are grown vs. prepared which would need Board of Health approval. Pat stated Agcom will support the start of a Farmers Market in West Boylston. Location discussed was the gazebo or skating rink area. Donny discussed days/times that would work best. Ideally best would be 8-12 or 3-6 pm on Saturday. Donny stated he would be coordinator of this effort. Donny wanted to know how he could get this started. Peg stated you need permission from the town to set up Farmers Markets on town property. Donny asked for resources how to promote Farmers Markets, who to contact, what boards are involved etc. Eric recommended calling the Town Secretary and ask how to get permission to set up at the gazebo/bandstand area. Lynn recommended contacting Erin Beardsley and asking how she uses space. Peg stated she could speak to Leon. Pat mentioned he should contact David Webber from the State regarding starting a Farmers Market.
3) Discussion on signage		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pat provided pictures of possible sign locations. Putting them on all entering West Boylston signs-Rt 110 coming from Clinton, Rt 12 coming in from Sterling and Rt 140 from Sterling and Boylston. Peg is seeking a copy of invoice for cost of signs. Erin asked where money from signs will come from. Pat and Peg said the Agcom will submit proposal to Leon by May 1, 2012 so he can present it to the Board of Selectman. Money could become available at next budget period July 2012.
4) Prepare Annual Report		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Erin to draft the Annual Report from minutes, reviewed/discussed during meeting.
5) Adjournment		<p>Meeting adjourned @ 8:35 all in favor. Next meeting May 15th @ 7:30pm</p>