

AG COMMISSION MINUTES FOR 3-4-10

MEMBERS PRESENT: Blair Moody, Vice-Chair, Carolyn Fredrickson, Mark Lush (7:15), Dennis DeVlyder, Wendy Rodgers

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Gail Antonucci, Michael Hodder, Karen DeVlyder, Alan Fredrickson, Sarah M Silk, BOS liason

MEMBERS ABSENT: Charlie Horsken, Chair, Lawreen Strauch

ALTERNATES ABSENT: David Strauch, Vinnie & Cindy Blandini, Advisors

I. Call to Order:

Blair Moody, Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM. Blair appointed Gail Antonucci to fill in for Charlie, Mike Hodder to sit for Mark Lush, and Karen DeVlyder for Lawreen Strauch. Sarah Silk offered to be acting secretary for the evening.

II. Public Input:

There was no input as there was no one present in the audience.

III. Approval of Minutes 2-4-10:

With a motion from Carolyn Fredrickson and a second from Wendy Rodgers, the minutes of 2-4-10 were accepted as written.

IV. Motion to Bring Alternates to Table:

Dennis DeVlyder motioned and Gail Antonucci made a second to bring the alternates to the table. The vote was unanimous. Mark Lush joined the meeting and Mike Hodder stepped back as an alternate.

V. New Business:

There was a review of the Earth Day meeting attended by Sarah and Mark (he had participated in the original Earth Day celebration with Susan Fuller). There will be a week-long set of events starting with an Expo Sat, 4-17-10 and ending with a town-wide clean-up day on Sat, 4-24-10. It was suggested that the Ag Comm have an information table. Sarah suggested that there be extra forms for the Ag inventory for people to take home and fill out. There was another Earth Day meeting being held the same time as the Ag Comm meeting such that neither Mark nor Sarah was in attendance. Mark will endeavor to bring back more information to the next meeting.

Moose Mountain Regional Greenway (MMRG) "Who's Coming to Dinner" presentation was reviewed by Mike Hodder who is also on the Cons Comm which is a sponsor of the program. Mike explained the MMRG mission is to protect regional greenways with 5 towns assisting in protecting migratory pathways. The meeting will be at the Wolfeboro Library, Wed, 3-31-10 from 6-8 PM. Parks and Rec will also be a sponsor. Sarah advised an email poll had shown Ag Comm members in favor of the sponsorship. She did not get a response from: Carolyn Fredrickson, or Karen and Dennis DeVlyder, all others indicated yes by email except Mark, Blair, and Alan who she reached by phone.

Sarah presented information about the Carroll County Farm Day and Ag Festival Sunday, 8-1-10, 9 AM-3PM, rain or shine. Vendor's fee is \$10 and Commercial fee is \$25 with a Farmer's Market, 4-H Exhibits, Demonstration, Pie Baking Contest, firewood raffle, etc.

Sarah had been at the Div of Pesticide Control, NH Dept of Ag and picked up a 2009 Farmer's Market directory which did not have the local Farmer's Market included. Alan advised that the location of the market was not yet determined when the directory went to print. It is expected that the present location will be listed this year. There was a short discussion regarding the status of the licensing for the Farmer's Market for 2010. Sarah advised it has not yet come before the BOS. Mark noted that the steering committee is making progress and it is expected that they will have the information prepared shortly. Sarah advised that Josh had checked a few details with her and she had suggested he contact Jim Rogers of the Historical Society.

Wendy Rodgers asked about the date of Arbor Day and suggested an article for the paper to remind people to fill out the inventory of Ag activities. [NOTE: last Fri in April in NH, 4-30-10]

VI. Old Business:

Blair reviewed the progress of the responses received to date on the Ag inventory. Wendy displayed the chart she had been working on. She had added several categories in response to information received. Sarah presented an email response from Mal Blodgett that she had received. Wendy reminded members that she has yet to receive responses from all members and their activities.

VII. Any Other Business:

There was a discussion about the market manager position for the Farmer's Market and guidelines, the possibility of inviting a steering committee member to the Ag Comm in April, and signing up for the market for 2010. The market runs from 3rd or 4th week in June.

Alan will be assisting at the Town Garden Lot by supplying fertilizer.

Sarah mentioned the updated members list.

Mark read a rough draft of a possible article for the paper. Several people suggested additions for the local dirt as a monthly update of what is going on locally with farms.

It was suggested that Mike Hodder approach Bruce Farr at Region 9 about committing the Wendy's preliminary chart to a computer program.

The meeting adjourned with a motion by Gail and a second from Mike at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah M Silk, Acting Secretary