

WOLFEBORO AGRICULTURE COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR
7 April 2011

Members Present: Charlie Horsken, Chair; Mark Lush, Lawreen Strauch, , Dennis DeVlyder, Blair Moody Vice-Chair, , Wendy Rodgers
Alternates Present: David Strauch, Gail Antonucci for Carolyn
Members Absent: Carolyn Fredrickson
Alternates Absent: , Karen DeVlyder, Alan Fredrickson
BOS Liaison: Sarah Silk, present

I. Call To Order:

Chair Charlie Horsken opened the meeting at 7:05

Public Input

none

II. Bring in the alternates

A motion to bring the alternates into the meeting was made by Lawreen and seconded by Charlie. The vote was unanimous in favor of bringing in the alternates.

IV. Approval of Minutes for 6 January 2011

Dennis motion to accept minutes and seconded by Gail and the vote was unanimous in favor of accepting the well written minutes.

V. New Business

goals for 2011

open farm day

Charlie will check with the Chamber of Commerce on dates. We are looking at Sunday 1-4 of Hospital Aid Fair Weekend.

We will need an article in the paper to encourage farmers to open their farms.

We will need to plan advertising for the event.

A concern about biosecurity and farm tours. Charlie graciously volunteered to check on that concern.

It was suggested that our 4th July parade entry should publicize the farm open house.

budget

A budget of \$200 was proposed to cover cost of the following things.
supplies for 4th of July parade

printing supplies

Farm Bureau membership

Public outreach ideas included the following items

involvement in the 4th of July parade again

establish subcommittee to advance this cause

David and Lawreen volunteered to head this project

create Ag Com scholarship

Charlie said he would do some checking on it.

ad for farms

Local Food Ordinance from Maine (see appendix A)

There was much discussion on this topic with no conclusion on pursuing such a course of action by our commission.

The terribly overworked secretary was ordered to write a letter to Mike in appreciation of his services to our august organization.

VIII. Adjournment

Dennis motioned to adjourn with a second from Mark and a unanimous vote at 8:25 ended the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Lush

Ag Com Secretary

Appendix A

Local Food and Community Self-Governance Ordinance of 2011 -Governance Ordinance of 2011

AN ORDINANCE TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND INTEGRITY OF THE LOCAL FOOD SYSTEM IN THE TOWN OF (NAME OF TOWN) , _ (NAME OF COUNTY) COUNTY, MAINE.

Section 1. Name. This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Local Food and Community Self-Governance Ordinance."

Section 2. Definitions.
As used in this ordinance:

(a) "Patron" means an individual who is the last person to purchase any product or preparation directly from a processor or producer and who does not resell the product

or preparation.

(b) "Home consumption" means consumed within a private home.

(c) "Local Foods" means any food or food product that is grown, produced, or processed by individuals who sell directly to their patrons through farm-based sales or buying clubs, at farmers markets, roadside stands, fundraisers or at community social events.

(d) "Processor" means any individual who processes or prepares products of the soil or animals for food or drink.

(e) "Producer" means any farmer or gardener who grows any plant or animal for food or drink.

(f)

"Community social event" means an event where people gather as part of a community for the benefit of those gathering, or for the community, including but not limited to a church or religious social, school event, potluck, neighborhood gathering, library meeting, traveling food sale, fundraiser, craft fair, farmers market and other public events.

Section 3. Preamble and Purpose. We the People of the Town of (name of town) , (name of county) County, Maine have the right to produce, process, sell, purchase and consume local foods thus promoting self-reliance, the preservation of family farms, and local food traditions. We recognize that family farms, sustainable agricultural practices, and food processing by individuals, families and non-corporate entities offers stability to our rural way of life by enhancing the economic, environmental and social wealth of our community. As such, our right to a local food system requires us to assert our inherent right to self-government. We recognize the authority to protect that right as belonging to the Town of (name of town) .

We have faith in our citizens' ability to educate themselves and make informed decisions. We hold that federal and state regulations impede local food production and constitute a usurpation of our citizens' right to foods of their choice. We support food that fundamentally respects human dignity and health, nourishes individuals and the community, and sustains producers, processors and the environment. We are therefore duty bound under the Constitution of the State of Maine to protect and promote unimpeded access to local foods.

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