

MARSHFIELD AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING
January 7, 2015

Meeting called to order 7:04 PM at the Town Hall, Lunch Room.

Attending: Lorrie Dahlen, Sarah Garretson Lowry, Karen Vieira, Carolyn Housman, Melody Quine, Annie Massed

Absent: Carlton Chandler

Guests: Charles O' Conner, Elaine O' Conner

The minutes from 11/18/14 meeting were accepted as written.

Lorrie motioned to accept the minutes of as written, Karen seconded the motion. All members present approved the minutes as written.

Treasury Report

Balance \$3,801.73

Potential Right to Farm Issue on 84 Cedar Acres Rd.

Charles and Elaine O' Conner, are concerned about 2 horses which are kept on 84 Cedar Acres Rd. This property has a stockade fence on one side and electric on the other 3 sides, the area contains a 3 sided shelter. Neighbors are concerned about the proximity to their property, anticipated odor and fly issues and the small space the 2 horses are in.

The commission informed the O' Conners that there is no minimum acreage for keeping horses in Massachusetts. The commission offered a suggestion of a barn on Ferry St. which boards, if one was needed. The commission contacted animal control to assure conditions were safe for the horses.

Update On Spring Lecture Series

The poster, brochure and save the dates have been developed and are pending approval.

Update On Adopt -a -Seedling

No sub committee meetings have been held yet.

Update on Annual Plymouth County AgCom Dinner

Several commission members plan on attending this dinner which will be held 1/20/15 at 7PM , at the Duxbury Senior Center. The snow date is 1/21/15, same time and place.

Update MAAC annual meeting

On 2/25-26/15 is the Harvest New England Ag. Marketing Conference and Trade Show, and the MAAC annual meeting. The commission supports attendance of this conference. Sarah is planning on attending. Lorrie made a motion to approve a budget of up to \$150.00 to attend the conference. Karen seconded the motion and all present were in favor.

Working session on Public Relations subcommittee

The sub committee is developing a fact sheet on what the commission has to offer. There is an immediate need to reach out to both Zoning Board of Appeals and the Board of Health as to how the Agricultural Commission could be of help to these boards.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 10, 2015, at 7 PM, in Hearing Room 3 in the town hall.

Lorrie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. Sarah seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Garretson Lowry, Secretary