

**Agricultural Commission
Minutes of April 13, 2016
Harmony Hall**

Present: Robert Berube, Ellis Neofotistos, John Brox, Albert Ogonowski, Norma Taplin and Recording Secretary Shannon Rowe

Absent: Daniel Berube, Don Couture, Mark Shaw, David Dumaresq and Caroline Zuk

Mr. Berube opened the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Neofotistos to approve the Minutes of March 9, 2016. Motion seconded by Ms. Taplin. Motion passed unanimously.

Betsy Ware, Community Development Director – Discuss Agricultural Commission Website

Ms. Ware was not in attendance at the meeting.

Richardson Middle School Greenhouse

Mr. Berube stated that he did not have anything to report for this meeting regarding the Richardson Middle School Greenhouse.

Beaver Brook Farm Meeting

Mr. Neofotistos stated that a few of the Agricultural Commission members attended the Beaver Brook Farm meeting held March 24, 2016. Mr. Neofotistos stated that the next Beaver Brook Farm meeting is scheduled for tomorrow night if anyone is interested in attending. Mr. Neofotistos discussed the movie shown by the Historical Society this past Monday about the history of the Beaver Brook Farm.

Town Manager's Farm Meeting

Mr. Neofotistos stated that the next Town Manager's Farm meeting will be held on April 25, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Discuss and Vote on the Agricultural Commission's Position on the Proposed Compressor Station

Mr. Brox discussed the Commission possibly sending a letter to the Board of Selectmen regarding their position on the proposed compressor station.

Mr. Brox stated that he would create a "draft" letter for the next meeting for the Commission's review.

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Mr. Neofotistos discussed noise from the blow down of the compressor station and the compressor station affecting animal grazing.

Mr. Neofotistos discussed the size of the proposed compressor station, pollution from the station, oils, etc.

The Commission discussed air pollution and the effects on the food supply provided by the local farms.

Correspondence

Mr. Berube stated that Frobie's would be having a farmers' market on May 21, 2016.

Motion made by Mr. Ogonowski to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Neofotistos. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



Robert Berube, Chairman