

**Agricultural Commission  
Minutes of May 11, 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 7:05 p.m.

Discuss Richardson Middle School Greenhouse

Mr. Berube stated that the greenhouse is going well and things are growing. Mr. Berube stated that the teachers and students are taking care of the greenhouse with an after school garden club. Mr. Berube stated that they are hoping to work with the Brookside School next year and the garden club meets every Thursday at 1:45 p.m.

Discuss Website Meeting with Town Manager

Mr. Berube discussed the meeting with the Town Manager regarding the Agricultural part of the Town's new website. Mr. Berube stated that the designer of the website was at the meeting and members could access the website. Mr. Berube explained that the Town's new website has three areas; Our Agricultural Heritage, Our Community and Our Businesses.

Discuss Old Home Day

Mr. Berube asked if the Commission wanted to have a booth again this year at Old Home Day? Mr. Ogonowski, Mr. Neofotistos and Mr. Berube stated that they would work the booth again this year. Mr. Berube discussed having the tractors come again for this year's Old Home Day and having the Commission available for questions, etc., from residents.

Correspondence

\* Tyngsboro Farmers' Market – Mr. Berube stated that Tyngsboro is having a farmers' market at the old Library with a Community yard sale. Mr. Berube stated that they are requiring proof of liability insurance.

\* Frobie's Farmers' Market – Mr. Berube reminded the Commission that the farmers' market at Frobie's is May 21, 2016.

New Business

Mr. Berube stated that Selectmen Archinski has asked to purchase a Right to Farm Community poster.

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Motion made by Mr. Neofotistos to allow Selectmen Archinski to purchase one Right to Farm Community poster at cost. Motion seconded by Mr. Brox. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Mr. Brox stated that the proposed pipeline and compressor station project has been suspended.

Mr. Neofotistos discussed Kinder Morgan having financial issues and their suspending of the project.

Mr. Neofotistos stated that the Beaver Brook Farm Vision Committee meet the second and fourth Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room in Town Hall. Mr. Neofotistos stated that the Vision Committee is discussing what to do with site. Mr. Neofotistos stated that the Boy Scouts are cleaning up the property this weekend and the Vision Committee needs to decide what to do with the existing buildings, etc. Mr. Neofotistos stated that the Vision Committee would be having a public meeting in the future.

The next meeting was scheduled for September 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.



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Robert Berube, Chairman