

**Beaver Brook Farms
Visioning Committee
October 22, 2015**

Present for the Committee: Chairman Ellis Neofotistos, Debra Dewitt Ahern, David Paquin, Warren Shaw and Don Plummer. Also present was Elizabeth Ware, Director of Community Development and Recording Secretary Samantha Carver. The meeting was held at the Town Hall in the 2nd floor administration conference room.

Absent: Andrew Graham, May Paquette

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and introduced Elizabeth Ware who is the Director of Community Development for Dracut and who occupies Glen Edwards old office.

Ms. Ware handed the Committee an outline of talking points for the meeting. She stated that she had gone over to 761 Mammoth Road, the Beaver Brook Farm and walked the property with Peter Richardson. Ms. Ware stated that the house wouldn't be available to walk through until the spring because they had a lot of cleaning out to do this winter.

Ms. Ware went through the agenda and described the area farms which could be models for the Beaver Brook Farm such as:

- Wright Locke Farm in Winchester, MA
- Sholan Farm in Leominster, MA
- Landsake in Weston, MA
- Lyman Estate in Waltham, MA

Ms. Ware stated that she has been in touch with Jim Whitehead who operates Wright Locke Farm and he could give the Committee a tour prior to November 2 when he'll be leaving on vacation.

Mr. Shaw thought that they should have some type of public meeting to see what people's in the Town are for this property and get as many people involved in the community.

Ms. Ahern thought that by doing a site visit to Wright Locke Farm would only benefit the Committee to see what has been done with the same type of venue.

There was a discussion by the Committee about walking the farm again and getting inside the buildings. The Committee discussed inviting the other Town Committees along for their ideas and thoughts as well.

The Committee discussed the abutting land and creating paths and discussed the sewer easements. Ms. Dunlap spoke about a permanent conservation restriction easement on the property and who would be writing that up. There was a discussion on the Town Meeting article and motion that was used to purchase this property and Ms. Dunlap was going to check with Stuart Saginor of the Community Preservation Coalition on the wording of the article.

The Committee discussed doing a walk-through of the property on November 7, 2015 from 10:00 to 12:00 p.m. and inviting all the Town Committees and Boards. The backup date would be November 14, 2015.

Discussion continued on the farmhouse and possibly subletting that out to be used by the Chancellor at UMass Lowell or Middlesex Community Colleges Dean. Ms. Ware stated that some type of RFP process would have to be done for this possibility.

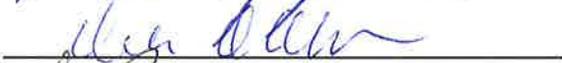
The Committee discussed the next meeting and watching a film that the Historic Society has on farming of this property. The next meeting was decided for October 29, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Varnum Room at the Historic Society Building.

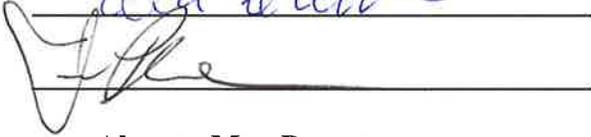
Adjourn

Mr. Shaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Ms. Ahearn seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

BEAVERBROOK FARM VISIONING COMMITTEE







Absent: Andrew Graham

Absent: May Paquette
