

**Beaver Brook Farms
Visioning Committee
November 19, 2015**

Present for the Committee: Chairman Ellis Neofotistos, Warren Shaw, Don Plummer, Dave Paquin and May Paquette. 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: Andy Graham, Debra Dewitt Ahern

Ms. Helen Dunlap of the Community Preservation Committee was present for the meeting.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Peter Richardson and his wife Donna were present to answer some questions about the farm that the Committee had. Mr. Richardson brought along an old photograph made into a postcard showing the farm with all its buildings at one time.

The Committee asked Mr. Richardson about the bridge that goes across Beaver Brook and he stated that it was built before 1851 and had been redone. Mr. Richardson touched briefly on the fires that had happened at the property. He spoke about the amount of people employed that helped harvest the fields. The Committee informed Mr. Richardson that if there are any photographs or books on the farm that he would like to see preserved and that the Town could use as part of the preservation of the property that the Town would be interested in having them. Mr. Richardson stated he would look for some items. The Committee discussed preserving one of the farm trucks and asked Mr. Richardson about the truck. The Committee mentioned seeing the house and trying to assess the shape of it and asked if they would be able to have a construction professional go through the home to try and assess the condition of the house. Mr. Richardson was agreeable with that.

The Committee thanked Mr. & Mrs. Richardson for their time.

The Committee tossed around ideas for uses on the property. Mr. Shaw stated he had had a conversation with Mr. Jack Lyons who is involved with Dracut Access Television (DATV) who stated they are looking for a new space to rent for their studio. DATV has outgrown the space they are in and Mr. Shaw stated the Committee should consider speaking with Mr. Lyons to talk about the idea. The Committee was amenable to having Mr. Lyons come to a meeting. Ms. Paquette also spoke with Frank Gorman who had begun work on trying to create easements when he renovated the mill buildings off Lakeview Avenue so that one day they could create a bike path along Beaver Brook like other communities. The Committee discussed the Bruce Freeman trail as an example. The Committee was amendable to having Mr. Gorman in to talk about easements.

Title of the Committee

A question surfaced as to the proper name for the Committee whether it should be vision or visioning or if that word should even be in the title. The Committee will discuss this topic and take a vote on the proper name for the Committee at the next meeting.

Minutes

Mr. Shaw made a motion to approve the minutes of November 12, 2015 as presented. Ms. Paquette seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting

The Committee discussed the next meeting date. The Committee settled on December 1, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and they will invite Mr. Jack Lyons to be on the agenda and then Mr. Frank Gorman at 6:20 p.m.

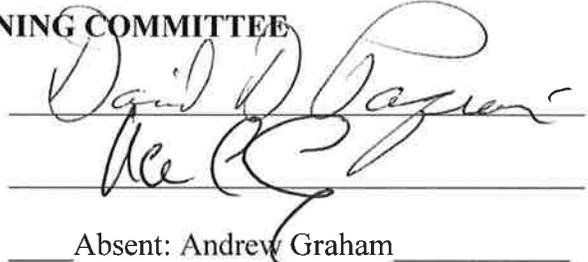
Adjourn

Mr. Plummer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Mr. Paquin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

BEAVER BROOK VISIONING COMMITTEE



Marietta M. Paquette



Absent: Andrew Graham

Absent: Debra Dewitt Ahearn