

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

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

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

Mr. R. Berube opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Neofotistos to approve the Minutes of December 9, 2015. Motion seconded by Mr. Ogonowski. Motion passed unanimously.

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Mr. Berube stated that the Election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman will be placed on the next agenda.

Richardson Middle School Greenhouse

Mr. Berube stated that he and Daniel Berube met with the Principal at the Richardson Middle School and the greenhouse was previously being used as a storage area. Mr. Berube stated that the Principal has purchased trays and got the water working in the greenhouse. Mr. Berube stated that the greenhouse has electricity. Mr. Berube stated that the Principal was looking for suggestions for the greenhouse and Daniel Berube stated to the Principal that he would help as much as he can. Mr. Berube discussed the outdoor raised garden they has in the courtyard of the School.

Mr. Brox suggested growing tomatoes in the greenhouse at the School.

Mr. Berube suggested that the School also ask the New Entry to help them out as well with the greenhouse.

Approval of Annual Town Report

Mr. Berube provide the Commission with a "draft" Annual Town Report for their review.

Motion made by Mr. Neofotistos to accept the 2015 Annual Town Report as written. Motion seconded by Mr. Ogonowski. Motion passed unanimously.

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Correspondence

- * Agricultural Day will be held at the State House in Boston on April 5th, 2016.
- * NH Farm Expo will be held on January 22nd and 23rd in Manchester, NH.
- * MAAC's Annual meeting will be held on February 27th, 2016 in Marlboro, MA.
- * An Agricultural Commission Regional Roundtable will be held on February 13th, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- * Community Preservation Committee Meeting will be held on January 19th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Yapp property.

New Business

The next meeting will be held on March 9th, 2016.

Mr. Brox asked if the Commission wanted to take a position on the proposed compressor station?

Mr. Brox discussed the proposed compressor station impacting the ambiance and character of the Town. Mr. Berube stated that the Commission could discuss this issue further at the next meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.



Robert Berube, Chairman