

**Agricultural Commission
Minutes of September 14, 2016
Varnum Room, Harmony Hall**

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

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

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Neofotistos to approve the Minutes of April 13, 2016. Motion seconded by Mr. Ogonowski. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Neofotistos to approve the Minutes of May 11, 2016. Motion seconded by Mr. Ogonowski. Motion passed unanimously.

Discuss Agricultural Part of Town's Website

Mr. Neofotistos stated that there are eight farms listed on the website that he has never heard of.

Mr. R. Berube stated that the website is pretty easy to use.

Discuss Old Home Day

Mr. R. Berube stated that everything went well at Old Home Day and the attendance was very high. Mr. R. Berube stated that there were 180 booths which is the same number of booths as last year.

Ms. Taplin stated that she gave two tours of the Historical Society during Old Home Day.

Correspondence

* Mr. Berube discussed the Rutland Agricultural Commission and the tractors being provided by the Massachusetts Agricultural Commission.

New Business

* Mr. Berube reviewed the email from Daniel McLaughlin, Building Inspector, dated September 14, 2016, regarding roosters and a Warrant Article to amend the Zoning By-Law in regards to roosters. Mr. Berube stated that the Commission just received this email today and they have not had enough time to review the amendment. Mr. Berube stated that the next Zoning By-Law Review Committee meeting will be held on September 20, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in Town Hall and asked members to attend the meeting to discuss the possible amendment.

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* Mr. Berube asked that Mr. Mike Kenyon, Animal Control Officer, be invited to the next meeting to discuss his issues with roosters.

* Mr. Neofotistos stated that the Beaver Brook Farm Committee will be having a public hearing on October 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall to discuss how to use the property. Mr. Neofotistos stated that the Committee would be walking the site on October 8, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to Noon if anyone was interested in joining them.

Old Business

* Mr. Ogonowski discussed his visit to a working dairy farm in Clinton, ME.

The next meeting was scheduled for October 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.



Robert Berube, Chairman