

Agriculture Commission
6:00 p.m. 15 April 2025
In Elkins Library Conference Room

Vice Chair Mark Stevens called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

Members Present: Mark Stevens, Josh Marshall, Eric Glines, Jill McCullough, Daimon Meeh

Craig and Corrinne Pullen were absent. They had advised the Vice Chair that they would be out of state could not attend the meeting.

Discussion of resignation of Chairman Ben Davis. Ben moved out of town so is no longer able to be an official member of the Commission. The Agriculture Commission regretfully accepts his resignation and would like to recognize and express appreciation for his service as the Chair. With the resignation of Ben, we have a vacancy on the Commission so we are requesting the selectmen promote Corrinne from an alternate member to a full voting member.

Approval of the minutes

April 11th, 2024

Jill made a motion to approve the Minutes, seconded by Josh. There was no discussion, edits, or corrections. Unanimous approval.

May 23 2024 Minutes

Josh made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric. There was no discussion, edits, or corrections, and unanimous approval.

Reappointments: Jill, Mark, and Daimon's terms expired at town meeting 2025. Mark is going to let the Selectmen know that all three are willing to continue to serve. Mark will request the Town Office prepare the necessary paperwork for re-appointment be completed and signed by members.

Katie Archer is going to be the new liaison between the Ag Commission and the Canterbury Farmers Market Board. Katie is also interested in serving as an Alternate Member.

Ben Davis is interested in being a liaison to Concord Agriculture and wants to maintain some involvement with the Canterbury Ag Commission.

Treasurer report

No official report prepared for this meeting

Updates from the Chair:

2024 expenses for Email addresses for commission members amounted to \$284 which was in excess of the \$250 budget. The extra \$34 was covered by the town but the Ag Commission will need to adjust for that expense at the next request for budget submission.

Discussion followed about confirming that our town email addresses are properly working for all members of the Ag Commission. Members need to be using these town government email addresses and not their personal email address for all Ag. Comm communication. The Vice Chair has been trying to communicate via the town email addresses but some members have not been responsive due to technical difficulties. Some of the problems have been maintaining the connection to the email accounts on members' devices.

Right To Know (RTK) mandatory training - If members are unavailable on the 17th Kal is going to create a take-home package to take the training at our own pace. Kal said that she could do the training for the Ag Commission at a meeting and that is the preferred choice of the members. Mark will coordinate Kal to set up that training.

Tricentennial Committee - 2027 is the town's tricentennial and a committee has formed to plan a celebration, they are hoping for involvement from all town committees including the Ag Comm. They are asking what we think we might like to do to participate. They are trying to have an event every month. Brainstorm ideas that we would be willing to be a part of.

Some ideas:

- Parade with tractors and other agricultural implements
- Possibly combine/replace the fair, would the Ag commission want a booth?
- Driving scavenger hunt- map given out as a historical scavenger hunt. Where would you send them?
- Sponsorships, to help pay for printing, pamphlets etc. Any ideas for sponsors or interest.
- Sheep shearing event, oxen pull/demo.

Conservation Commission

Has available funds from proceeds of land coming out of Current Use. They are exploring the possibility of conserving some of the agricultural land in town. If the Ag Commission has any suggestions, please pass them along to the Conservation Commission

Selectmen representative to the Ag Commission is going to be Beth Blair.

Discussion concerning updating the Ag Commission map. Commission will look into whether a revised and updated map can be hosted by the town on the Town website. Jill was asked to take the lead on updating the map. Ben is going to try to find another copy to give to Kal.

Elections of new officers

Due to the uncertainty of member status the elections will be postponed until paperwork is finalized

New Business

Think of potential new alternate members.

Old Business

None

Date, time, place for next meeting

Next meeting will be at the call of the Chairman, but anticipate near the end of June.

Eric moved to adjourn Josh seconded.

Adjourn 7:31

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