Ag Commission Meeting 8/18/2026

Call to meeting: 6:06 meeting called by a quorum
Members present: Jill McCullough, Mark Stevens, Daimon Meeh, Jessie Scanlon, Eric Glines
Members absent: Katie Archer, Josh Marshall
Alternates: Ben Davis
Selectmen Representative Calvin Todd
Guests present: none

1. The Chair promoted Ben Davis to full meeting
2. Approval of June 23rd minutes (minutes enclosed) Ben moves the discussion, Jesse second
    a. Minor adjustments reviewed by the Committee
        i. Mark moves Ben seconds, unanimous approval
3. Status of Tricentennial trees
    a. Jill 35 Maple trees, 2 locust and 1 ash
    b. Mark thinks if there isn't significant loss over the winter we should have enough to have 300
4. Mission Statement review (enclosed)
    a. All felt that it was appropriate and did not need adjustment.
    b. We have realized that a lot of the boards were not aware of the need to consult the Ag Commission and we are starting to get the word out to the other boards. Calvin has been trying to encourage boards/commissions to communicate better and collaborate.
    c. ACTION ITEM: Jill is suggesting that we all bring a sentence or two expression of what you feel you want to bring to the committee.
    d. Jesse brought up the idea of putting together a training on current use. The members liked this idea. ACTION ITEM: Discuss the details at the next meeting.
    e. Led to a discussion on how to advocate more preservation of agriculture without taking value from landowners.
    f. July 1st there was a law passed that is beginning to change the ability to build on Class VI road. This may impact agricultural land and the Ag Commission should be prepared to provide some input.
5. Ag Commission By-laws (enclosed)
    a. Not discussed
6. Meeting schedules and location 3rd Tuesday of a month: Library Meeting Room
    a. Ag Commission was wondering if the meetings have to be in the Meeting House to allow for zoom access and recording. Calvin said that the Select Board does want all meetings recorded.
    b. Next meeting 9/15/26 at 6:30 PM
7. Concord Monitor Article
    a. Addressed the competition between housing and ag land but Jill didn't bring it. Jill will bring it to the next meeting.
8. Old business
    a. Mark got a thank you letter from UNH for participating in the discussion about agrivoltaics.
9. New business
    a. The Planning Board will be rewriting the cluster development and wetlands rules and they will consult the Ag Commission.
    b. Calvin also brought up an informational email for Class VI roads and he will get Kal to forward to the board.
    c. Katie Archer's term might be up. In need of an alternate or two, spread the word.

Mark call to adjourn, Ben second

Meeting adjourned 8:20 PM