Lancaster Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes December 3, 2018

Location: Thayer Memorial Library

Attendees:

Peter Jakubowicz Eric Jakubowicz Susan Miner

7:00 p.m. General Business

- Minutes approved 10-1-18
- Other Business Minutes approved from 7-11-18. Maria wanted discussed the New Powers for Ag. Coms. we had reviewed this before and found the Town would have to vote on this change.

7:15 p.m. Grant Discussion – Financial Aid

The members feel that Agriculture is farming of plants and animals and should incorporate marketing, animal management and animal husbandry. We need to set parameters and certain criteria that have to be met, ie. Summer jobs on farms, etc.

All Ag. Com. Members should come to our next meeting January 7, 2019 with information for the requirements.

7:25 p.m. Open Space Discussion –

It was noted that there was no record of a meeting by Open Space since September 2017. Ag. Com. requested changes to the plan before being sent to State for approval, we were told the changes were made before it was sent. Which they were not. Ag. Com. would like to sit down with Orlando Pacheco, Town Administrator to discuss this. We will discuss further at January meeting.

7:30 p.m. Public Education of the Livestock & Chicken Bylaws –

This bylaw needs to be enforced by zoning officer. The Ag. Com. will make plans to discuss this with Orlando Pacheco, Town Administrator. Sue will talk to Phyllis Tower this month in reference to this bylaw to see what she recommends for educating residents. Eric will talk to Chief Burgwinkle to see if there are many calls to the dispatch about chickens or livestock.

8:00 p.m. Adjourned