

Lancaster Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes March 2, 2016

Location: Thayer Memorial Library

Attendees:

David Kilbourn
Peter Jakubowicz
Eric Jakubowicz
Susan Miner

*Guest Speaker: Keith Kopley
Steve Piazza*

7:00 p.m. General Business

- Approved Minutes February 3, 2016
- Other Business: Keith Kopley of Kalon Farm discussed how his experience with the Lancaster Town Boards have been difficult to maneuver, he has dealt with other towns and has never met with the requirements of Lancaster. He feels that farms should not have such a difficult time to improve/expand their business, that this has an impact on farming and agriculture. He is upgrading his property to include a prep. Kitchen. Keith was not clear on what he expected from the Ag. Com. Dave Kilbourn asked him to keep the Ag. Com. informed and will read his documentation.

7:15 p.m. Farmers Market 2016

- **Planning** – Steve is going back to the hours of 2014 of 3-6 p.m. for the Market. He provided a list of returning vendors as well as a couple new vendors for the new season, he is always trying to recruit new vendors.
- **Advertising/Promotion** – Steve will send out a press release to the papers, as well as do a drawing at every market for a \$20.00 gift certificate to a different vendor weekly, Sue suggested that this money could be funded by the Grant the Ag. Com. received. The Ag. Com. approved \$300.00 for Steve to spend on new signs.

7:30 p.m. Grant Discussion

Maria needs to be contacted to clarify if the grant can be used to promote the Farmers Market; such as funding gift certificates to a different vendor each week of the market and to pay for additional signs and brochure.

7:45 p.m. Discussion of Future Projects

The Ag. Com. should start to interact with Town Boards to build awareness to farming.

8:00 p.m. Adjourned