

Lancaster Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes February 10, 2020

Location: Lancaster Community Center

Attendees: Peter Jakubowicz

Eric Jakubowicz

Susan Miner

Maria Moreira

Guests: Steve Mudgett, Deershorn Farm

Kathy Holden, BOH

7:00 p.m. Motion to Adjust Agenda items to the following and accepted:

Review and approve Minutes January 6, 2020

Grant Discussion – of Financial Aid – Finalize

Lancaster Farm Brochure

Other Business

Adjourn

General Business

- Minutes January 6, 2020 Approved.

Grant Discussion/Financial Form

Sue is to make the changes to the Scholarship Form, send to Ag. Com. Members for final approval they are to respond within 24 hours and then send to Maria. Maria will forward to Tim Castner to get it distributed to Nashoba, Minuteman and Ag. School for any Lancaster residents pursuing Ag. Related field at the discretion of the Lancaster Ag. Com. For approval of the scholarship over their Freshman and Sophomore year of college.

Lancaster Farm Brochure/Advertising

Ag. Com. Members revised the letter to go out to Lancaster farms that have retail business. Also discussion of the List in which to send to should include any farm that is an active farm with retail outlet. Peter will update addresses and see about mailing to the farms for the next meeting.

General Business

- Other Business –
 - Peter distributed a copy of Deb D'Eramo's letter for a seat on the Ag. Com.
 - Peter also distributed copy of the Right to Farm Article and asked Sue to send out to Town Clerk for publication in the Town Newsletter. She will forward over the notice as well. The Notice will be sent to clerk to publish on the Ag. Com. Page as well.
 - Peter also distributed information on the EPA Finalizes Glyphosate Mitigation – they have determined when used per the label that it is not a carcinogen.
 - Kathy Holden of the Board of Health informed the Ag. Com. Of a complaint about fertilizing pellets that have been used by Liberty Hill Farm. She personally received the complaint and was looking for information from the Ag. Com. Eric Jakubowicz gave her the name of a contact with the company that sells these pellets as well as we recommended she contact the state as the DEP has approved the use of them for fertilizer. The concern they have is that they are being used in potential flood plain.

8:25p.m. Adjourned