

Lancaster Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes May 4, 2016

Location: Thayer Memorial Library

Attendees:

David Kilbourn
Peter Jakubowicz
Eric Jakubowicz
Maria Moreira
Susan Miner

Guest Speaker: Steve Piazza

7:00 p.m. General Business

- Approved Minutes April 6, 2016
- Other Business – Questions have come up pertaining to the goats on the property across from the Middle School. It appears there are goats on that property, has there been a special permit issued to that resident. The question has been asked if that is an appropriate amount of space to accommodate the amount of animals there. The Ag. Com. will check with the building inspector.

7:15 p.m. Update Farmers Market – Steve Piazza attended a Seminar/Workshop for Farmers Markets, Ag. Com. approved his \$80.00 expense for that workshop. He also stated in that workshop that the consensus is for Farmers Markets not to waste their money on Advertising and Promotion, the best draw for customers is community involvement.

Steve also recommended the Ag. Com. cancel the Lancaster Farmers Market for the summer of 2016. He stated that he lost vendors due to lack of sales/profit and he did not feel it was fair to bring in the two new vendors that signed up to a questionable market. Ag. Com. agreed there will be no Market this year. Ag. Com. authorized the refund to vendors that did already pay the fee for 2016.

7:30 p.m. Grant Discussion – Maria stated now that there is no farmers market changes will need to be made to the grant. Something will have to be put together for advertising for issue/cause for Lancaster Ag. She also stated the money for this year needs to be used by September.

7:45 p.m. Finance Update – Sue Miner gave everyone a copy of the spreadsheets that Noreen sent her. Of course, the money voted on in this meeting will be deducted from the bottom line.

8:00 p.m. Adjourned