

Lancaster Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes May 8, 2019

Location: Thayer Memorial Library

Attendees:

Peter Jakubowicz
Eric Jakubowicz
Susan Miner
Maria Moreira
Michael Antonellis, Lancaster Dir. Planning

7:00 p.m. General Business

- Minutes approved 4-1-19.
- Other Business – Ag. Com. honored Dave Kilbourn with a moment of silence. The Ag. Com. will be restructured as follows: Peter Jakubowicz, Chairman, Eric Jakubowicz, Vice Chairman, Susan Miner, Clerk/Treasurer, Maria Moreira, Member

7:10 p.m. Lancaster Farm Brochure –

Ag. Com. will contact Town Clerk, to see if a write-up can be put on Website as well as in Town Newsletter for a feature of seasonal farms. Peter will discuss with Town Clerk.

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

Maria suggested we discuss logistics of this with Tim Castner from Nashoba.

7:25 p.m. Open Space Discussion –

Peter opened discussion with Michael Antonellis in reference to the Open Space plan in 2017 that was submitted to the State with the Ag. Com. support letter. The Ag. Com. was promised two changes would be made to that plan before submission to the State and yet they were not made. The reference was to Agricultural Land being purchased by Conservation Land Trust and having the Ag. Com. involved. Also a reference to a Farmer's Market that no longer exists.

7:35 p.m. Ag. Com. Role in Town, Chapter 218 Section 8L –

Peter Jakubowicz opened discussion with Michael Antonellis stating he is unsure of Ag. Com. role with Town and if other boards recognize Ag. Com. The Ag. Com. would like to have input to any parcels that have been farmland/61A in the past that the Town decides to purchase or has been donated to the Town. This land should be utilized as farmland, since farming is what keeps the land as open space.

7:40 p.m. Public Education of the Livestock & Chicken Bylaws –

Discussion with Michael Antonellis around who to contact in regards to issues with livestock. He stated if zoning violation should contact Zoning Enforcement Officer otherwise Phyllis Tower would be the contact as Animal Control Officer.

8:00 p.m. Adjourned