

Lancaster Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes August 1, 2018

Location: Thayer Memorial Library

Attendees: David Kilbourn
Peter Jakubowicz
Susan Miner

Guest: Tim Castner

7:00 p.m. General Business

- No Minutes approved for July 11, 2018, as they have not been compiled.
- Other Business – no discussion

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

Tim Castner was inquiring if Maria had cut the check for the Financial Aid? Possible suggestion was a \$500.00 scholarship until the grant was used up. He also mentioned the State requirements were broad for scholarships. Tim thought the benefits/advantage of offering a scholarship are:

- Rewarding a student & assisting in funding their education
- Parents are more aware of farmers trying to preserve Agriculture in Town
- School Administration knows we care about farming
- Preserve the working landscape of the Town

Tim also suggested the Ag. Com. sponsor Brian Donahue from Brandis University do a presentation at the Library/video for local access on the history of the river valley meadows and farming.

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

Discussion of educating Lancaster residents of Chicken Bylaw, possibly through Town Website, brochure, cable access, Newspaper Article. Imagine if Avian Influenza hit the area. Animal Control is dealing with chicken issues, but it is really a Bylaw violation.

7:45 p.m. Discussion of Meeting Days – Moving forward – no discussion

8:00 p.m. Adjourned