

Lancaster Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes October 8, 2020

Location: Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Peter Jakubowicz
Eric Jakubowicz
Susan Miner
Maria Moreira

7:00 p.m. Meeting called to order by Peter Jakubowicz

Discussion of Ag. Com. members on 16 Runaway Brook Road, whether Ag. Com. recommends the town invoke its first right of refusal. Discussion around the fact that the property is surrounded by houses as well as a shared driveway that the town would have the financial responsibility of construction and maintenance. Also the property has apple trees and woodland this property is in Agriculture, but Ag. Com. feels it would not be a viable property to continue to farm.

The Ag. Com. does not recommend the Town of Lancaster purchase this property, in its current state, for the following reasons:

1. Driveway costs
2. Not fiscally sound to do this due to maintenance, fertilizing, pruning and picking apples.
3. The property would need a farm to lease it, maintain it (soil tests, fertilize and have proof it was done).
4. Lancaster does not need more tax free forest.

Peter will send a formal letter to the Board of Selectman stating the Ag. Com. unanimously agreed not to recommend the purchase of this property for \$160,000.

Other Business – Farm Brochure has been delayed due to Covid-19

7:20 p.m. Adjourned