

Agriculture Commission Meeting
October 17, 2016, 7PM

Attending:

John Hoffman, Doug Dean, Eric Dean, Cheryl Handsaker, Erwin Reynolds

Terms for existing commissioners were set:

3 year term – vacancy

3 year term – Doug Dean

2 year term – Eric Dean

1 year term – John Hoffman

1 year term – Cheryl Handsaker

John Hoffman named as Chair. Erwin Reynolds nominated to fill vacancy on the Commission. Cheryl Handsaker agreed to take meeting notes.

Agriculture Committee Charge and Right to Farm Law was reviewed and discussed.

Additional action items:

- Eric agreed to ask Peg whether there is a letter that exists that is given by landowners to buyers at the time of sale. If this does not exist, does this Commission draft the letter?
- Eric agreed to ask Peg if there has been a change in the law regarding the annual mailing of the right to farm letter. Perhaps this could be published in the Annual Report.
- Right to Farm signs
 - o 13 locations identified:
 - 2 Rt 2 East/ West
 - 1 Avery Brook Rd.
 - 1 S. Heath Rd.
 - 2 8A
 - 1 Legate Hill
 - 1 Maxwell
 - 1 Zoar Rd.
 - 1 N. River Rd.
 - 1 Charlemont Rd.
 - 1 East Hawley Rd.
 - 1 South River Rd.
 - o Cost estimates \$50/ sign, \$30/ post
 - o Purchase one or two more than are needed
 - o What should go on the signs?
 - Standard size signs
 - Route 2 signs will be larger and include language linking the HAY program
 - Erwin will approach Hawlemont and ask about language for the sign and to see if the staff or children can suggest an image.
 - Cheryl will contact Heath, Hawley and Rowe to see if we can share posts for the signs.

Next meetings (third Tuesday of the month): Nov 15th, Dec 13th at 7PM.

Meeting adjourned, 8:20 PM