

**TOWN OF GRANBY  
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING  
FEBRUARY 10, 2016**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Michelle Niedermeyer, Pam Burek, Erin Pirro, John O'Brien

Others: Kate Bogli

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Michelle Niedermeyer

**MINUTES**

**ON A MOTION** by Pam Burek, seconded by Erin Pirro, the Minutes of the August 19, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously

**ON A MOTION** by Erin Pirro, seconded by John O'Brien, the minutes of the November 12, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously.

**OPEN FARM DAY**

- The next Open Farm Day will be on September 10, 2016. Letters have been sent to farmers asking for confirmation of intent to participate this year. Those who have not yet responded will be contacted by phone or visit. Deadline to sign up is February 20.
- A photo contest for the postcard and poster has been advertised on the Facebook page.
- Sponsors are being contact next month. It was noted that the Chamber of Commerce may be interested in becoming a sponsor.
- Pam will contact the town finance department to verify what funds are remaining in the FY 2016 budget.
- A new planning app called "Manage It" is being used this year. At present, it does not include the capability of attaching documents, although this feature could be included for a fee. Further review will be done before any upgrades are made.

**FARM MAP**

A new farm map is being planned in conjunction with the Granby Land Trust and the Granby Artists. The Land Trust will design and print the map which will include the location of artists, hiking trails and farms. All farms that want to be included will be asked to pay a \$30 membership to the Granby Land Trust. In addition, the Agriculture Commission is asked to pay \$250 towards the cost of the map.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Ag Day at the Capital is March 16 from 10am – 1 pm. John O'Brien and Kate Bogli expressed interest in participating, and perhaps Ellen Whitlow as well. Michelle will put together some items for the display. Erin will try to get the Open Farm Day postcards done in time.

Erin mentioned that she had been contacted by an East Granby resident who is concerned about avian influenza. It was suggested that further education on the topic could be done through an article in the Locally Grown column in the Drummer.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kate Bogli made comment on two topics: First, that it might be a good idea to incorporate East Granby farms into the map and Commission activities, and second, that the Holcomb Farm kitchen, which is presently classified as an educational kitchen, might be better suited to agricultural purposes such as canning, if it were upgraded to a commercial kitchen. While there would be costs for the upgrade, there would also be revenue from organizations and farms renting the facility.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m.

**ON A MOTION** by John O'Brien, seconded by Pam Burek, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren Stuck  
Recording Secretary