

**TOWN OF GRANBY
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING
Minutes
December 12, 2012**

PRESENT: Michelle Niedermeyer, Chairman; Kate Bogli, Pam Burek, Erin Pirro

GUESTS: Bob Brockett, Amy Gilbert

Michelle Niedermeyer confirmed a quorum and began the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES:

Erin Pirro noted that Guests for last month's minutes should state Jon Pirro, not Jeff. **ON A MOTION BY** Kate Bogli, seconded by Pam Burek, the minutes of November 14, 2012 were approved as corrected.

OLD BUSINESS:

The contacts for activities reported on their progress:

- 2013 Open Farm Day: Pam Burek noted that some farms are not on mail chimp. She will contact them and ask if they want to participate in Farm Day or other events sponsored by the Agricultural Commission. If so, she will encourage them to share their e-mail address. She also distributed a draft of a timeline for Open Farm Day. Michelle Niedermeyer suggested she get in touch with Nancy Dunn to get feedback regarding soliciting from this year's event. It was decided to get a list of who is going to participate and then determine if there are any issues. After the list of sponsors is set, the budget will be created. Ms. Niedermeyer will send last year's budget information to Pam Burek. Kate Bogli suggested using a picture from this year's Farm Day for the poster. For the February meeting, Ms. Burek will have a list of the farms that have responded and will readjust the dates for the timeline as it was decided the dates should be moved up.
- Education: Kate Bogli spoke to Mielen Lavoie who provided outlines for five seminars. The first seminar, On-Line Interview, will be sponsored by the Agricultural Commission and will be free. At that seminar, individuals can sign up for the next four for \$25 or pay \$10 per class at the door. In order, the seminars will be Facebook for Business, The Importance of Blogging, Google Ratings and Weebly Websites. Ms. Bogli will invite all Granby farmers and area farmers from the towns of Simsbury, East Granby, East Hartland, Suffield and Windsor. Dates and location of seminars are yet to be determined. The seminars are BYOC (bring your own computer).
- Communication: Erin Pirro will write an article for The Drummer to help first responders with issues regarding animals. She also reviewed the list of farmers she needs to contact for future Drummer articles.
- Land Use Project: Michele Niedermeyer reported that Lucy Lindeyer was unable to attend tonight's meeting. She will contact her to see what her plans are regarding

working with the Town to get Town land use implemented. Amy Gilbert offered to help if she is able. Michelle Niedermeyer stated that Fran Armentano contacted her regarding a meeting on December 19th to discuss ideas regarding Holcomb Farm and Evonsion Farm. Michelle will forward the invitation and agenda to commission members.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Only three people have signed up for the holiday sampler so far but there are four days left for them to do so.
- Because Steven Hayes resigned from the commission, someone will need to take over the website.

ADJOURNMENT: ON A MOTION BY Kate Bogli, seconded by Erin Pirro, the Commission voted (4-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kane
Recording Secretary for Patricia Tappenden