

## 2014-11-11 Agriculture Commission Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM

Commissioners Present: A. Meek, K. Dennis, B. Molodich, M. Johnson, R. Cousens, K. Morneau (FFA), H. Hopps (alt), V. Cole (alt). R. Gray (ex officio 6:57)

Audience of Citizens: K. Hermanot

Approval of Minutes: October 2014 minutes were unanimously approved.

Unfinished/Continuing Business

**a. Report on Farm Day**—Some cited 3/4 attendance of Family Day; pop-up market made more money than most expected and some vendors did better than at other farmer's markets in which they had participated. Linc Cooper stopped by to congratulate us on Farm Day, asserting that it was a great event, great for the town. He has also proposed partnering with the Grange Fair next year, tends to be poorly attended. The Commission needs to invite him in to discuss options, particularly regarding location. It was agreed that next year participating vendors need to donate an item for donation or \$10, unless they are performing a demonstration. Many observed that all three soap vendors were lined up in a row and this may have diminished sales for some as well as the appearance of variety.

**b. Treasurer's Report** – B. Molodich reports a Farm Day 2014 income of \$692 (\$508 from t-shirt sales, \$184 from basket donations) less the expense of printing the t-shirts (\$404 to Koji Graphics) for balance of \$252. She is waiting for a Town letter confirming tax ID and Commission status in order to establish a checking account.

**c. CT Land Trust application** – Table until 2015 Farm Survey results.

**d. 2015 Farm Survey** – Discussion: Needs to have a specified return date (roughly 10 days) and we need to be prepared to follow up via phone/ Survey edits include 5) how many animals, what type, how many of each type: 10) Have you considered or sold dev rights?

**e. 2018 PoCD** - K. Dennis/R. Gray; invite Phil Chester per J Guskowski; R Gray suggests inviting J Rabbit after farm survey results.

New Business:

All future meetings will be held in the former Trooper's office.

Any Other Business:

Adjournment: B. Molodich made a motion, seconded by K. Morneau to adjourn at 68:27.  
Unanimously approved.