

2015-07-14 Agriculture Commission Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:46 PM

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

Audience of Citizens: Ira W. introductions.

Approval of Minutes: May minutes vote tabled until August meeting.

Unfinished/Continuing Business

- a. **Treasurer's Report** – B. Molodich: No news.
- b. **Family Day**-- Discussion of whether to have t-shirts for Family Day. Will order 30 in August and use the funds to pay for hats for Family Day. C. Ferrugia will explore colors and K. Dennis will advertise pre-orders on Facebook.
- b. **Farm Day**—Animals, baked potatoes with local grown/raised toppings.
- c. **Report on other Commissions** – None.
- c. **CT Land Trust application** – A. Meek [still tabled until all Farm Survey results are in].
- d. **2015 Farm Survey** – Summary of SurveyMonkey (online) results: Town overwhelmingly supports agriculture and associates it with Town identity. Support for Farmer's Market evidenced, but Commissioners remain concerned whether Town could support one as prices tend to be higher than grocery stores. Hard copies of survey still to be distributed and collected from Town vendors, including Betsy's Stand, Brown Cow Cafe, Robin's Nest, Buttercup Farm, Pine Acre Greenhouse, Pine Hill Alpaca Farm, and Weidele's Pizza.
- e. **2018 POCD** – K. Dennis [still tabled until all Farm Survey results are in]

New Business:

Any Other Business:

Adjournment: B. Molodich made a motion, seconded by K. Dennis to adjourn at 8:01. Unanimously approved.