

Town of Brookfield, MA
Agricultural Commission
Minutes of Meeting
June 15, 2011

Meeting called to order at 6:30PM by Chairman, Clarence Snyder

Commission Appointee's also present:

James Dolan & Ron Starcher (terms expire 6/30/2013)
Barbara Haberlin & Clarence Snyder (terms expire 6/30/2014)

Alternate members present:

Ken Cleveland
Mark Ledoux
Donald Haberlin

Not present: Paul Benjamin, Steve Novak

Others present: Bob Barnes, Polly & Tex Teixeira

Certificates of Receipt of Open Meeting Materials were reviewed and signed. It was stated that the Commission will operate under Roberts Rules of Order. Copies are available online for review.

Minutes of the May 18, 2011 meeting were read by Barbara. After discussion and some clarification there was a motion and a second to accept the minutes as amended. Barbara will send amended minutes to Clarence for forwarding to Mike Seery.

Clarence has sent a letter on the Right to Farm By-Law to Town Counsel and the Board of Selectmen. They need to review and approve at their next meeting to be held on June 23, 2011.

The Commission will work with Bill Simpson of the Cultural Commission regarding the proposed Farmers' Market. Markets will start on July 1 and continue every Friday in July in conjunction with the Concerts on the Common. Time will be 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with several tents to include products such as strawberry shortcake, pickles, jams and jellies, honey, eggs, herbs, flowers, wool blankets and yarn. Ken will help set up and have a banner made up for posting. Clarence will have an initial brochure available with a map showing "Brookfield's Agriculture". (Possible additions to draft – Walker's Primitives/Antiques and Lamoureux Greenhouses)

Communications were discussed – including the town web site, facebook, emails... There is no Citizen article for this month.

Ken has spoken with Marlaine of the Brookfield Community Club regarding Apple Country Fair. Cooperative products, such as wool blankets, along with homemade and homegrown can be sold by the Commission. We will set up tent/tables by the Brookfield Congregational Church. Ken will work on a banner.

The next topic of discussion was grants and grant monies available. Two grant opportunities in particular were presented – DCR funds and the Greater Worcester Community Foundation Water & Land Stewardship Fund Grant. Clarence will submit application as Chairman for \$1,500.00 operating expenses, copying Board of Selectmen.

Next meeting is planned for July 20th, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Motion to adjourn at 7:16PM, seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Haberlin