

Town of Brookfield, MA
Agricultural Commission
Minutes of Meeting
July 20, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairman, Clarence Snyder.

Commission Appointee's also present:

Paul Benjamin, James Dolan, Ron Starcher, Barbara Haberlin

Alternate members present:

Ken Cleveland, Don Grimes, Don Haberlin, Steve Novak

Not present: Mark Ledoux

Others present: Bob Barnes, Polly & Dave Teixeira, Bill Thompson

Minutes of the June 15, 2011 meeting were read. After discussion, there was a motion and a second to accept the minutes as presented. Barbara will send minutes to Clarence for forwarding to Mike Seery for posting.

Grant Applications: The DCR Grants do not apply to the Commission as they seem relative to the tornado damage. The Jeppson Fund would be appropriate for other Town Committees. The Greater Worcester Community Foundation Grant was presented to the Selectmen and was approved. Clarence has submitted an application for \$1,500.00 and has received a call back from Ann Lisi. An early September decision is expected.

By-law Adoption: Clarence will send a letter to the By-Law Committee inviting them to our September 21, 2011 meeting to firm up what goes to the Town Meeting.

Apple Country Fair- 10/8/11: Many of us will have our own booths. We will also have a Commission table by the Congregational Church with pony rides on the grassy area.

Other activities: From word of mouth and printed articles, Steve got a request to rescue bees from a damaged home in Monson.

Farmer's Market: There is one more in July from 5:00 to 7:00. Shall we continue? "Keep going". Comments ranged from "positive" to "average" to "informational, but not long term". Several emails received requested that the time be earlier to accommodate folks coming home from work. It was decided to set up on July 29, 2011 before the Historical Commission's Heritage Concert/Re-enactment from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. and for two to three weeks in August on our own from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., inviting others from town and

the surrounding areas, provided that they are “Agriculture/producer/homemade” related. We will all “advertise” and “talk it up”. We will review at our next meeting on August 17, 2011.

Bill Thompson presented a section from Spencer’s By-Laws relative to animals – that and other by-laws to be discussed at the next meeting.

Next meeting is planned for August 17th at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Motion to adjourn at 7:35PM, seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Haberlin