

Town of Brookfield, MA
Agricultural Commission
Minutes of Meeting
August 17, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman, Clarence Snyder.

Commission Appointee's also present:

Paul Benjamin, James Dolan, Ron Starcher, Barbara Haberlin

Alternate members present:

Don Grimes, Don Haberlin, Steve Novak

Not present: Mark Ledoux

Others present: Bob Barnes

Minutes of the July 20, 2011 meeting were reviewed. 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: We have had feedback on the grant applications and expect decisions in early September.

Right-to-Farm By-law Adoption: The invitation to the By-Law Committee to our September 21, 2011 meeting has been accepted. If there is consensus of the By-Law language, it will be put to a vote. If not, then it will be taken up at the October 19, 2011 meeting for presentation at the November 18, 2011 Special Town Meeting. We "need rules to run by" – arguments? We need to hear them.

Brochures: Several new additions to our map were mentioned: Gustafson/blueberries and McCloud/hay. We will continue to invite people to participate. The front page of the brochure will remain the same; the Commission membership listing will remain the same, adding reference to the Town's website. The calendar will continually be adjusted. In January through March we'll update with Farmer's Market start-up information and our 3rd update will be done when the July concerts on the common are scheduled. The basic brochure will be voted upon at the next meeting. We will inquire about quantities needed for the Citizen, attend Citizen folding party and take bids on printing.

Farmer's Market: Discussion brought comments such as "go forward", "people have followed up at the farm". It was recommended that we entertain an official motion to