

Town of Brookfield, MA
Agricultural Commission
Minutes of Meeting
November 16, 2011

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman, Clarence Snyder.

Commission members present:

Paul Benjamin, James Dolan, Ron Starcher, Barbara Haberlin and Clarence Snyder

Alternate members present:

Don Grimes, Steve Novak

Commissioners/Alternates not present: Mark Ledoux, Don Haberlin

Others present: Robert R. Barnes, Dave Holcraft

- **Minutes** of the October 19, 2011 meeting were reviewed. There was a motion and a second to accept the minutes as presented. After no further discussion the motion carried. Clarence will send minutes and the agenda for the next meeting to Mike Seery for posting.
- **Farmers Market/Brochure:** Agriculture Commission brochures were available. Market Manager, Ron Starcher stated that we will start our 2012 planning in March in order to begin the market on June 1, 2012. It was decided that we should email/phone/advertise to invite vendors to our planning meeting in March – hoping to add more local meats, cheese – eventually adding to our brochure.
- **Funding:** In order to revise/expand our brochure, we plan to reapply to the Worcester Foundation for funding.
- **Right-to-Farm Bylaw:** In preparation of the recommended Bylaw for the Spring 2012 Town Meeting we plan to invite other Committees to our January 2012 meeting. At that time we plan to extend to Town Board in February 2012 for a public hearing on the Right-to-Farm Bylaw, then spreading the word during March and April for support. Discussion followed on Section 3. The Rutland agreement would be researched and reviewed. It was also decided that Ron would re-draft this section to be discussed at the next meeting.

With no other business, a short meeting was scheduled for December 21, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. to review drafts and to prepare for the January meeting with the Zoning Board. It was motioned and seconded to adjourn the meeting just after 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Haberlin