

Town of Brookfield, MA
Agricultural Commission
Minutes of Meeting
December 21, 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, Don Haberlin

Commissioners/Alternates not present: Mark Ledoux

Others present: Robert R. Barnes, Ken Cleveland

- **Minutes** of the November 16, 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:** We have received a quote for 2,500 pieces glossy brochures at \$.26 each. We will continue to mark up with additions/corrections to be finalized in February.
- **Funding:** Commission has \$239.49 cash on hand which is held in the Town Treasurer's Office with receipts. We plan to reapply to the Worcester Foundation for a Grant and request donations as well as drafting a request to the Town for \$500.00 for expenditures. Discussion followed regarding other Grants that may be available to the Commission.
- **Right-to-Farm Bylaw:** A draft of our Town report has been emailed. Ron Starcher presented a revised draft of the By-Law. It was decided that our main concentration will be:
 1. The Commission's revised draft By-Law;
 2. Recommendation to the By-Law Committee regarding Forestry – this needs to be deleted, as the State handles regulations;
 3. Regarding the Zoning Board, matters are in order. As for other issues such as "loose animals...in roadways..." and "slaughter", these would be handled by the Police and Board of Health/Planning/Zoning Boards, respectively.

Clarence will draft a letter to Mike Seery regarding these issues.

Discussion followed regarding Anne Gobi's proposed bill to remove beavers from endangered list and land trusts receiving 50% tax credits.

With no other business or discussion, the next meeting was scheduled for January 18, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. It was motioned and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Haberlin