

Town of Brookfield, MA
Agricultural Commission
Minutes of Meeting
June 20th, 2012

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

Commission members present: Paul Benjamin, James Dolan, Ron Starcher, and Clarence Snyder Alternate members present: Don Grimes, Steve Novak, Don Haberlin And Ken Cleveland ; Commissioners/Alternates not present: Mark Ledoux ; Others present: Robert R. Barnes; Not Present : Barbara Haberlin

Minutes: no May meeting was held

Reappointments: Paul Benjamin was appointed to a new 3 year term and Don Grime, Ken Cleveland, Steve Novak, Don Haberlin, and Dr. Mark Ledoux reappointed by the Selectman for a 1 year term as Alternates

Officers: Motion made to reappoint Clarence Snyder Chairman, Barbara Haberlin Co-Chairman made, seconded and passed.

Farmers Market: Underway with 6 vendors. Working with Cultural Council to update the brochure for July events.

Right-to-Farm Bylaw: Based on the precedent set at the Annual Town Meeting to adopt State level language on a related topic it was agreed to bring an article to the next Annual Town Meeting related to RTF.

Farmers Markets – scheduled to begin in June 2012. Ron Starcher, Market Manager discussed the need for more vendors and whether we should invite local crafters to participate. Also we will be working with the Cultural Commission to coincide with Summer Concerts on the Common adding their schedule to our brochure.

Discussion followed on related but non-farm issues at 56 Long Hill Rd. and John Mansfield's property on Rice Corner. The Commission can only advise, at the same time it was understood that awareness of good farming practices was important to the well-being of the Town. The Commission will continue to educate in these matters.

With no other business or discussion, the next meeting was scheduled for July 18, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. It was motioned and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence Snyder