

Town of Brookfield, MA
Agricultural Commission
Minutes of Meeting
October 17, 2012

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

Commission members present:

Paul Benjamin, James Dolan, Barbara Haberlin and Clarence Snyder

Alternate members present:

Steve Novak

Commissioners/Alternates not present: Mark Ledoux, Don Haberlin

Others present: Robert R. Barnes

- **Minutes** of the September 19, 2012 meeting were read. 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:** Pros, cons and what we learned about the 2012 Farmers' Market were discussed. Most Fridays were good, though participation and customers petered out towards the end and of course on those rainy Fridays, there were no customers at all. However, it was agreed that Fridays from 4:00 to 6:00, June through September was the right schedule. In the January Citizen, we'll let folks know that "we'll be back". Paul commented that we need to evolve. Discussion followed about using Town building, creating a coop, Jim Dolan's driveway on Route 9 as well as Friday's on the Common... The January meeting will focus on timing and where... we are open to ideas.
- **Apple Country Fair:** The Fair provided good publicity.
- **Overlook Farm:** Open House to be held on October 20, 2012.
- **Right-to-Farm Bylaw:** We will get back to work on the RTF By-law in the Spring. It was suggested that March would be a good time for Chicken Education.
- **Funding:** Clarence stated that he would "get serious" with applying for the Worcester Foundation grant.

- There was motion and a second to reimburse Barbara for the Farmers' market signs. Barbara will present receipt to Sheila Frangiamore.
- Our next meeting was scheduled for December 19th at 6:30 p.m. with no meeting in November due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- With a motion and a second, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Haberlin