Williamsburg Agricultural Commission

Meeting Minutes for Thursday, April 11, 2013

Location: Town Offices

In attendance: Keith Dufresne, Amanda Emerson, Alan Everett, Meg Taylor, Paul Zononi

Agenda

- 1. Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM
- 2. No minutes to accept, no old business to discuss.
- 3. New Business:
 - a. Set quarterly meeting dates April, August, November, February or as needed, 7 PM, Thursdays, Next scheduled meeting August 8, 2013
 - Nominate Chairperson and Clerk Meg will ask Eleanor how long each of our terms are. Paul Zononi nominated Chairperson, Meg Taylor nominated Clerk.
 - c. Nominate up to 3 alternates brainstormed a list of potential people involved in town agriculture to be alternates to Ag Com. Meg will ask Eleanor about how to proceed with this list.
 - d. All agreed it would be helpful to attend meetings of other boards to see how current issues in town might relate to farmer concerns. Keith will serve as liaison to Board of Health, Alan to Planning Board, and Amanda to Conservation Commission.
 - e. MAAC Membership All agreed for Williamsburg Ag Com to join the Mass Association of Ag Coms. Paul will mail in membership card.
 - f. Report on March 2 statewide Ag Com Conference Meg shared information about Right to Farm signage and how other Mass. towns are promoting local farming and agricultural pursuits.
 - g. Needs & Priorities:
 - i. Discussed hanging "right to farm" signage on Rt.9 Paul will look into how to make this happen.
 - ii. Also discussed collaborating with other town organizations to educate residents about agriculture and promote the work of farmers and foresters in town. Meg will reach out to the Grange, Fertile Ground/ Intergenerational Gardening Program, and the Farmers Market committee about how we might support one another's initiatives and work together in the future.
- 4. Adjourned at 9:15 PM