

Meeting Minutes Weare Agricultural Commission

Weare, New Hampshire

7/1/2010

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Present voting members: George Malette, Wendy Stevens, Ian McSweeney, Rick Barry (Alt), Luke Drake

Jerry Little was also in attendance as an alternate.

Guests: Lisa Johnston

Meeting was called to order at 7:07

The previous minute meetings were reviewed and George motioned to accept the minutes, Luke seconded all voted and unanimously accepted.

Mission Statement Review: General discussion about revising the Commission's mission statement. Some topics discussed were; adding additional information sources and adding statute references. Wendy made annotations and will provide a draft with revisions possibly before the next scheduled meeting.

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) - A general discussion about the viability of a CSA in Weare, what seasons it would be viable in and what was the appropriate involvement of the commission. The group concluded that the commission could provide a supportive role with communications tools (ie website, facebook etc.) to support any CSA which might develop in Weare.

Economic Asset Profile – Wendy provided the commission members with a copy of the SNHPC and presented a draft press release highlighting the economic aspects of agriculture for Weare. George suggested coordinating the release with the Economic Development committee. Ian moved that the commission vote to publish the final draft. George seconded. Unanimously approved.

Pot Luck Plans: The group discussed a potential Oct 8th pot luck and the possibility of having Ben come to speak about the Granite Beauty apple. Wendy agreed to check Ben's availability, Luke stated he would check to make sure that hosting the event at his home on this date would work for his family.

Ilsley Farm Update: George briefed that the conservation commission had taken up a discussion about the property, but only as conservation land. Discussion followed about potential means of support / assistance on the agricultural aspects of the property. Luke made a motion to send a letter from the AGCOM to the CONCOM explaining the agricultural concerns on this property. Wendy seconded passed unanimously.

George provided an update on the progress of the repair and renovation to the Osborne Hall building by the South Weare Improvement Society. George advised that the group is looking for volunteers to help. The group discussed adding a request for volunteers to the website.

George advised the group that Weare's Old Home Day was scheduled for Aug 28th and solicited interest for having an AGCOM table at the event. Wendy advised that she will set up a table next to her booth and asked the members to consider volunteering to staff the table during the event.

Luke moved to adjourn at 9:18 George seconded, unanimously approved.