

TOWN OF EAST KINGSTON
Agricultural Commission

2011-2012
Brad Rice, Vice Chairman

MINUTES
July 14, 2011 Meeting
7:00 pm

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 11

AGENDA

- ◆ Attendance
- ◆ Approval of April, May and June minutes
- ◆ Board Business
- ◆ Adjourn

The regular meeting of the Agricultural Commission was called to order at 7:30 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Mrs. White called the roll.

MEMBERS: Regular - Brad Rice and Steve White; Alternates - Chris Castonguay and Linda White. Also present were Ron Morales and Recording Secretary Barbara White.

BOARD BUSINESS

Vice Chairman Rice chaired the meeting and designated Mr. Castonguay a voting member for this meeting. The Board welcomed Mr. Morales to the meeting; he definitely has town knowledge beneficial to their goals.

Minutes

Mr. Rice had one small change for the June minutes, noting he had not yet joined the Farms Bureau. He asked for a motion to approve the April, May and June minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Rice **MOVED** the minutes of April, May be approved as submitted, and that June's minutes be approved with the change noted; Mr. Castonguay seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

Discussion

The Board had much discussion on the map of farms they wanted to produce. They discussed which places they knew of and who would contact them to collect information and make sure they wanted to be on the map.

Information they needed to acquire included: the farm name, address, a contact person's name and phone number, hours of operation, what they sell, are they seasonal or year 'round, and if they have a web page. Mrs. White get a map of the Town so they can plus in the places after they speak to them.

The Commission discussed a "meet your local agricultural resource day" in the fall, hopefully in September.

Mrs. White reviewed the list of duties an Agricultural Commission may undertake:

- Survey and inventory agricultural resources in the community
- Conduct activities to recognize, promote, enhance and encourage agricultural resources and agricultural-based economic opportunities
- Assist the Planning Board in the development and review of sections of the master plan which address agricultural resources
- Advise local agencies or Board in their review of requests on matters affecting agricultural resources
- Coordinate activities with appropriate service organizations and non-profit groups

Next Meeting - The next meeting is scheduled for August 11 at the Pound School.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Mr. Rice **MOVED** to Adjourn. Mr. White seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara White

Recording Secretary

Approved: _____