

TOWN OF EAST KINGSTON
Agricultural Commission Steering Committee

2010-2011
Chris Castonguay, Chairman
Ronald Morales, Vice Chairman

MINUTES
January 13, 2011 Meeting
7:07 pm

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 10TH.

AGENDA:

- ◆ Attendance
- ◆ Approval of December minutes
- ◆ Old Business
- ◆ New Business
- ◆ Adjourn

The regular meeting of the Agricultural Steering Committee was called to order at 7:07 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Mrs. White called the roll.

MEMBERS: Mr. C. Castonguay, Mr. R. Morales, Dr. R. Marston, Mr. Stephen White and Recording Secretary Barbara White. Also in attendance was Linda White and Peter Gilligan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the December 2nd meeting were reviewed and approved as revised.

MOTION: Mr. Morales **MOVED** to approve the minutes of December 2nd as revised. Mr. Castonguay seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Warrant Article Approval

Mrs. White reported the warrant article submitted to the Selectmen and the Planning Board had been approved and sent to DRA for final review. DRA had made some changes, ensuring the language was proper for submittal as a warrant article, and references to the RSAs were current. A copy was distributed to the members.

Draft Poster

Mr. Castonguay had the draft version of the poster for the Board to review. Changes were suggested to graphics and text to make the most impact on the reader and communicate the intent of an Agricultural Commission. Mr. Castonguay will make the changes discussed and e-mail to the members for final review. When approved, Mr. Morales will print on 11x17 paper and he and Mrs. White will post in the various places in town previously discussed: town office, elementary school, library, post office, Jewett's, Pound School, and Carmen's.

Printing and Distribution of the Insert for the Annual Report

Mrs. White reported that the potential dilemma with delivery of the annual report had been alleviated, as the Fire Association will deliver the reports as they have in the past. She will make and fold the required number of copies of the insert and ensure they are put into the annual reports for delivery to the residents.

NEW BUSINESS

School Flyer

The committee decided not to proceed with a flyer sent home with the students, but will place a poster on the school bulletin board.

Additional Newspaper Articles / Deliberative Session

The committee discussed whether or not to submit additional articles in the newspapers before the election. The consensus was that the main focus at the present time was to make sure several members would be at the deliberative session to explain the intent of the proposed Agricultural Commission and to emphasize that they were not asking for any type of budget. At the present time they are under the Planning Board budget, and in the future if funds are required, they will seek grants or plan on raising any necessary funds through events or donations.

Mrs. White will contact the Exeter Newsletter and see if they can publish the Community News Bulletin on the day of the deliberative session.

Upcoming Meetings and Workshops

Mr. Morales reviewed several agricultural and gardening workshops that were scheduled for the Jan. - Mar. time-frame and encouraged the members to attend, as several were free or low cost. He asked Mrs. White to find out more specifics about the NOFA-NH Winter Conference and report to the members.

Next Meeting - The next meeting is scheduled for February 10th at the Pound School.

ADJOURN

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara White
Recording Secretary

Approved: _____
Chris Castonguay