Town of Bridgewater Massachusetts
Agricultural Commission Minutes for May 2017 Meeting

Agenda: May 23, 2017 7:30pm Academy Building

1. Call To Order
    a. **OPENED MEETING AT 7:45pm**
2. Designation of Minute Taker (**Brian Alves**)
3. Roll Call/ Introduction of those Present
    a. **Brian Alves__PRESENT__**
    b. **David Anderson __PRESENT__**
    c. **Lori Tunewicz-Gavin __ABSENT__**
4. Read Previous Meeting Notes
    a. **MINUTES OF APRILS MEETING WERE ACCEPTED AS READ**
5. Approval of Agenda
    a. **APPROVED**
6. Public Comments- Reserved Time for Items Listed on Agenda
    a. **NO PUBLIC PRESENT**
7. Read Any Communications
    a. **NO COMMUNICATIONS AT THIS TIME**
8. Reports of Any Sub Committees
    a. <u>There are none at this time</u>
9. Unfinished Business (**NO FURTHUR RESEARCH COMPLETED THROUGHOUT MAY**)
    a. Continue in establishing a procedure for dealing with agricultural complaints. (ongoing process)
        i. Obtain description of complaint and details
        ii. Determine course of action which may include:
            1. Drive by
            2. Visit/inspection and documentation (this may be initiated by an introductory visit, leaving a brochure about the agricultural commission, its mission and the reason for the visit.)
            3. Bring back findings to the next meeting.
    b. Update on Agricultural Commission Brochure (Brian)
        i. **Brian will continue to work on this** (**On Going**)
    c. Research updates: (**On Going Process**)
        i. State Agricultural Law
            1. The commission decided to begin to look at state decisions/lawsuits involving agriculture through Google Scholar to help increase our knowledge of Massachusetts state agricultural laws and precedents.
        ii. Statutory Supreme court decisions regarding roosters and other hot topics
            1. Google Scholar

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2. BSU library Data base (Nexus Lexus)

iii. Manure regulations

10. New Business
    a. **No resident complaints at this time**
    b. **Discussed Plymouth Massachusetts ruling on chickens**
        i. **Going to further research all decisions made by Plymouth**
    c. **Discussed Pembroke Massachusetts right to farm**
    d. **Discussed possible community garden ideas**
    e. **Discussed**
11. Public Comments
    a. **NO PUBLIC AT THIS TIME**
12. Miscellaneous
    a. **NO MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS**
13. Adjournment.
    a. **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:45PM**

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