

Town of Bridgewater Massachusetts

Agricultural Commission

Meeting Minutes: July 25, 2017

1. Call To Order 7:54 pm
2. Designation of Minute Taker- Lori Tunewicz-Gavin
3. Roll Call/ Introduction of those Present
 - a. Brian Alves_x____
 - b. David Anderson __late__
 - c. Lori Tunewicz-Gavin __x__
4. Read Previous Meeting Notes- approved as read
5. Approval of Agenda-approved with addition of additional correspondence, see below.
6. Public Comments- Reserved Time for Items Listed on Agenda-no public attended
7. Read Any Communications-
 - a. Poultry Complaint
 - i. Janina Deloca-Pawlowski, 31 Cedar St. Bridgewater, MA
 - ii. Review procedure for complaint.
 - iii. Determined that the Animal Control Officer made a visit to the poultry owner's home to do a state barn inspection, the results of which are confidential. The owner informed the ACO that she intends to remove the two roosters from her premises.
 - iv. Commission will determine further course of action.
 - b. Farm Bureau invitation to Twilight meetings. These will take place in August.
 - c. Jolie Sprague-Martin contacted member Lori Tunewicz-Gavin to ask if she would converse with a town resident who has new chickens including a rooster. The resident wants to make sure that she is complying with town regulations.
8. Reports of Sub Committees: there are no sub committees at this time.
9. Unfinished business:
 - a. Sewer sludge usage: research continues
 - b. Ag Com Facebook page: continue discussion
 - c. Autumnfest Ag Com booth and event: Brian obtained contact information. Commission will submit required forms to obtain a booth at Autumnfest.
10. New Business
 - a. Next Meeting Date:
 - i. August 22, 2017. 7:30pm Academy Building
 - ii. Working meeting to research town and state agricultural regulations
11. Public Comments- no public comments.
12. Miscellaneous

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13. Closed Session
14. Return to Open Session

15. Adjournment: 8:49 pm