

MINUTES
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 2022

Attendance:

Present: Jim Dunn, Chris Hugo, Nancy Rocheleau, Maleah Gustafson

Absent: Ryan MacKay, Wendy Somerset, Tom O'Shea,

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:38 pm.

Minutes:

No minutes were available for review/approval.

Old Business:

Chapter 61 Parcel Scoring Update – Jim

Jim met with the Assistant DPW Engineer to discuss the request for a Conservation Restrictions overlay for the Town GIS. The requested updates to the Chapter 61 overlays have been successfully implemented.

Education Series

No progress has been seen in several months and no further actions will be taken at this time.

Master Plan Implementation—Forest Stewardship Plan Update

No updates was available.

Summit Wynds and agri-tourism

The letter of support for Summit Wynds approved at our Nov meeting was finalized and forwarded to the Town Manager and Town Planner the next Monday.

There is a new Town Planner in place, as Pam Harding has left. Jim met with her and introduced the Ag Comm, hoping to have an improved relationship with the new person.

New Business:

Central Mass Grown Update

Maleah reported that there was not a CMG brochure published this past year for reasons unknown. CMG did get a good grant from the State to promote locally grown food. CMG is hoping for a more normal schedule of activities in 2023.

Ag Comm Re-appointments

Jim noted that the support of Select Board Vice-Chair Rick Bates, the pending re-appointments of Maleah and Nancy were voted positively at the last BOS meeting.

Neighborhood Outreach Grant

No update was available

Election of Officers

The election of officers was postponed due to poor attendance.

Adjournment

Nancy motioned to adjourn and Chris seconded, approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted

James Dunn
Acting Secretary