

AGCOM Meeting Minutes
1 / 10 / 18

Call to order: 7:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Ed Ferrara, Carole Mann, Lee Tripp, Jay Tripp, Brian Perry, Geralyn Haskell

Not Present: Tom Barret, Rob Russell, Shirley Robbins, Ryan Wagner, Ron Potter

Guests: Tina Newell, Ray Raposa, Grant Moore, Norm Anderson

Motion made to approve 12/13/17 Minutes by Jay/2nd by Carole/Unanimous

Board of Health referrals:

Discussion on Pig regulations. Possibly approved regulations 1/8 / 18.

Discussion on whether to sign off on Horseneck Road and possible solar field.

Guest Grant Moore updated. Horseneck Road owner filed application with DEP and will be reviewed by DEP 1 / 24 / 18 Grant Moore and neighbors still very concerned about runoff.

Planning board will review project on 2/ 3 / 18

Ed asked question: Has conservation signed off? not sure

Question from guest Ray Raposa: What is the zoning of that property?

Motion to table decision on signing off until DEP reviews and Planning Board made by Jay / 2nd by Carol / unanimous

SEMAP update: discussion on upcoming events

AAC next meeting 1/20 /18 6 p.m.

More discussion on site registration and barn books.

Lee will be meeting with Darren Mendes again

AG brochure update

Ed spoke again with Barbara Hanley and Lynn Carlson about help with design. Will continue to seek CPC funding.

Next meeting 2 / 14 / 18

Motion to Adjourn – Ed/2nd by Jay/Unanimous

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AgCom Minutes

June 13, 2018

Present:

Ed Ferreira
Carole Mann
Lee Tripp
Jay Tripp
Shirley Robbins
Norm Anderson
Ray Raposa
Tina Newell

Not Present:

Karl Santos
Ron Potter
Tom Barrett
Rob Russell
Ryan Wagner
Brian Perry

CTO: 7:30

Pledge

Minutes: Wrong date on minutes correction to be made motion Jay, second Lee unanimous

BOH Referrals: We have a new director of the BOH. We would like to invite him to our Sept 12, 2018 meeting.

Annual Appointments: appointments for AgCom will be on June 25, 2018 at Selectmens Meeting

Ag Brochure: all updated information should be completed soon.

Motion made by Carol, seconded by Jay to send Karl Santos a card of appreciation for the 18 years that he was on AgCom.

Motion to Adjourn: Carole, second Shirley unanimous

Next Meeting September 12, 2018, unless we need to meet sooner

Accepted 8-8-18

Ramona Reyes

Westport Agricultural Commission

August 8, 2018

Members present; Ray Raposa, Tina Newell, Gerri Gaskell, Carole Mann, Lee Tripp, Tom Barrett, Edward Ferreira, Norm Anderson

Members not present; Shirley Robbins, Jay Tripp, Brian Perry

Guests; Matt Armendo-BOH Director, Bill Harkins-BOH, Maurice May-BOH, Philip Weinberg-BOH, Bernadette Appleyard, Richard Weeks, Donna Parrillo, Kathy Feininger, Barbara Pontolilo, Cynthia Jeffrey, Constance Gee

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Pledge of Allegiance

First order of business to approve June minutes. Lee Tripp voiced motion to approve, Carole Mann seconded, all approved.

Second order of business was meeting with the members of the Westport Board of Health. Board of Health is looking for input from AgCom in regards to a town registry of all livestock. The extent of the Registry is not yet decided but they are leaning towards a simple database registry similar to equine and pigs. Currently there is no money in the Board of Health budget for inspections. There was a discussion of a possible nominal permit fee. A question from the Board of Health directed to AgCom was how to get people to register their animals? Board of Health will ultimately decide on extent of proposed registry with one or two more meetings to discuss these issues in the next couple of weeks.

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Other business: Carole Mann suggested we move the time of AgCom meetings to an earlier starting time. It was suggested we discuss this matter at the next meeting.

Board members decided to meet next Monday August 13, 2018 to continue the discussion of the proposed site registry. This is in order for AgCom to take a position and provide feedback to the Board of Health before their deadline date in two weeks. Norm Anderson made a motion to have the next AgCom meeting on Monday August 13, 2018. Carole Mann seconded the motion. All board members approved.

Motion to adjourn at 9:20 by Carole Mann. Ed Ferreira seconded the motion and all board members approved.

Accepted

8-13-18

Round Reyes

Westport Agricultural Commission

August 13, 2018

Members present: Ray Raposa, Tina Newell, Gerri Gaskell, Carole Mann, Tom Barrett, Edward Ferreira, Norm Anderson, Shirley Robbins, Jay Tripp

Members not present: Lee Tripp, Brian Perry

Guests: Seth Lewis

Call to order: 7:30

Pledge of Allegiance

Special Meeting to discuss AgCom's position in reference to Board of Health's plan to possibly institute a farm animal site registration.

Ray: Board of Health to possibly hold a special meeting August 21. Joint meeting with AgCom at next September meeting.

Motion made by Ed Ferreira to accept Tom Barrett's definition of plot farmer. Jay Tripp second the motion. A vote was taken. 7 approved. Carole and Gerri opposed. Motion approved.

Definition: *"A parcel that has two or more leases of whom are both engaged in the form of raising farm animals/livestock."*

Motion made by Jay Tripp that *"plot farmers should be held to best farming practices per Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources – MDAR"*. Ed Ferreira second the motion. All board members approved.

Motion made by Ed Ferreira to state *that the Westport Agricultural Commission does not support farm animal site registration*. Shirley Robbins second the motion. All board members approved.

Approximately 278 years of combined agricultural experience amongst AgCom members.

Next meeting Wednesday September 12. A woman is on the agenda to discuss the benefit of farmers growing marijuana.

Motion to adjourn at 8:58 by Shirley Robbins. Carole Mann second the motion and all board members approved.

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Westport Agricultural Commission

September 12, 2018

Members present: Ray Raposa, Tina Newell, Gerri Gaskell, Carole Mann, Tom Barrett, Norm Anderson, Shirley Robbins, Lee Tripp, Seth Lewis

Members not present: Brian Perry, Jay Tripp, Ed Ferreira

Guests: Matt Armondo BOH, Bill Harkins BOH, Cathy Bardsley, David P. Farias, Nathan Andrade, Rob Sutcliffe, Michelle Sutcliffe, Averyl Andrade, Chris Wiley, Bernadette Appleyard, Richard Stang, Alice King, Erin Patterson, Cynthia Jeffers, Donna Lambert ACO, Constance Gee

Call to order: 7:30

Pledge of Allegiance

Review of meeting minutes for August 13, 2018. Norm made motion to accept, Carol second the motion. All members approved.

Averyl Andrade a recreational marijuana advocate spoke to the AgCom Commission about forming an agricultural cooperative for Westport Farmers to grow recreational marijuana.

Next on agenda:

- Review of September 11, 2018 Board of Health meeting regarding the extent of a future animal site registry.

- Agricultural brochure went over budget \$141. Hay Ray's Farm and Feed to donate the \$141.

- Cathy Bardsley of Silk Tree Farm looking for farm/farmhouse to lease in Westport.

- “Thank You” cards were signed by AgCom members present and will be sent to BayCoast Bank, Geraldine Milham and Betty Slade.

- Brian Perry will be resigning from AgCom.

- Next meeting October 10, 2018 at 7:30.

Norm made motion to adjourn. Lee Tripp second. All approved. 9:45 pm.

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Revised & Amended (RP)

Westport Agricultural Commission

October 10, 2018

Members present: Ray Raposa, Tina Newell, Gerri Gaskell, Carole Mann, Tom Barrett, Norm Anderson, , Lee Tripp, Ed Ferreira

Members not present: Jay Tripp, Shirley Robbins, Seth Lewis

Guests: Nathan Andrade, Averyl Andrade, Cynthia Jeffers, Constance Gee, Justin Jacintho

Late start to meeting due to Town Hall being locked up.

Call to order: 7:50

Pledge of Allegiance

Review of meeting minutes for August 8 and September 12, 2018. Ed made motion to accept, Lee second the motion. All members approved.

Membership Update: Brian Perry resigned from AgCom. Tom Barrett accepted and BOS approved Tom's move from alternate member to full time member.

Averyl Andrade a recreational marijuana advocate spoke briefly regarding new Town of Westport Committee called "Craft Cannabis Cooperative. CCC is looking for one AgCom member to sit on this new committee. Ed made motion and Lee second the motion to have Tom Barrett represent AgCom. BOS meeting on October 29 to appoint members to CCC.

BOH asked if AgCom could help in administering volunteer registry site form. Raymond will go back to BOH and get some more clarity on exactly what duties they need help with.

Conversation on Water Resource meeting; Town is looking to reduce nitrogen levels in the river. Some talk of possibly requiring all new septic systems in future to be denitrification. Norm will reach out to Iain Ward Agricultural Coordinator who spoke to AgCom many months ago regarding the Palmer River Initiative and possibly implementing a similar program for the Westport River.

Open Space Committee needs one AgCom member to sit on board. Norm agreed to do so.

Next meeting is November 14, 2018. The time has been changed to 6:30 pm.

Ed made motion to adjourn. Carol second the motion. All approved. 9:12 pm.

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Westport Agricultural Commission

November 14, 2018

Members present: Ray Raposa, Tina Newell, Gerri Gaskell, Carole Mann, Tom Barrett, Norm Anderson, Lee Tripp, Ed Ferreira

Members not present: Jay Tripp, Shirley Robbins, Seth Lewis

Guests: Jackie White

Call to order: 6:30

Pledge of Allegiance

Review of meeting minutes for October 10, 2018 meeting. Lee made motion to accept, Ed second the motion. All members approved.

Tom Barrett was appointed to the Craft Cannabis Commission as the Agricultural Commission representative.

Carol Mann was also appointed to the Craft Cannabis Commission but as an At-Large Representative.

Norm Anderson was appointed to the Agricultural-Open Space preservation trust council as the Agricultural Commission representative.

There is an opening for an Agricultural Commission alternate member.

No new significant information regarding the proposed Tenant Farm Regulations/Animal Site Registry being drafted by the BOH since the last meeting. Raymond reports that the Animal Control Officer (ACO) will possibly report and be under the supervision of the Board of Health. Currently the ACO reports to the Board of Selectmen.

Next meeting is December 12, 2018 at 6:30

Carol made motion to adjourn. Tom second the motion. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

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Westport Agricultural Commission

December 12, 2018

Members present: Ray Raposa, Tina Newell, Gerri Gaskell, Carole Mann, Seth Lewis, Norm Anderson, Lee Tripp, Ed Ferreira

Members not present: Jay Tripp, Shirley Robbins, Tom Barrett

Guests: Jackie White, Phil Weinberg BOH, Cynthia Jeffers, Constance Gee

Call to order: 6:30

Pledge of Allegiance

Review of meeting minutes for November 14, 2018 meeting. Norm made motion to accept, Lee second the motion. All members approved.

Review of Summary Draft of the proposed Tenant Farm Regulations with Phil Weinberg from the Westport Board of Health.

No other new business, old business or other business.

Next meeting is January 9, 2019 at 6:30

Ed made motion to adjourn. Lee second the motion. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

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