

AgCom Minutes
January 11, 2017

Present:

Ed Ferreira
Shirley Robbins
Karl Santos
Jay Tripp

Alternates:

Geralynn Gaskell
Tom Barrett
Robert Russell

Absent:

Mike Perry
Carole Mann
Lee Tripp
Brian Perry

7:35 – CTO

7:35 – Pledge

Minutes: motion to approve Jay/second by Karl, unanimous

BOH: Complaint by Mark Souza, that Tripp Farm is burying solid waste/trash on property.

A.J. Potter is doing the work, Ron Potter was on sight

Animal Control: Westport hired 4 animal control people. Donna came in a spoke about some problems at Pedro's Farm, rodent issues, proper housing for the animals. Jay Tripp said he would talk with Pedro.

AAC: Want to use Best Management Practices. Next meeting 1/17/2017 6pm

Sandy Gosslin Tenant Farming: She is unable to come to our meeting

New Business: Bring AgCom brochure to next meeting to see if it needs to be updated.

Other Business: nothing

8:45 - Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting 2/8/2017 7:30pm

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March 8, 2017

Present:

Ed Ferreira

Shirley Robbins

Jay Tripp

Brian Perry

Carole Mann

Alternates:

Rob Russell

Geralyn Gaskell

Absent:

Lee Tripp

Karl Santos

Tom Barrett

Mike Perry

Guest:

Kevin Pedro – Pedro Farm

7:30 – CTO & Pledge

7:35 – Minutes - Motion to approve Jay/second by Carole, unanimous

BOH Referrals – Karl not present

Animal Control: Donna all set at this time

Pedro Farm – There was concerns about proper shelter for his 82 cattle/cows of various sizes. Kevin showed us and Donna pictures of a pole barn approx. 100' x 16' that would hold approximately 34 animals, a greenhouse w/cement floor with shavings that can be used for shelter and a Morton building that could hold another 64 animals. Donna seemed to be happy with the results of the pictures and how the animals are being housed with the use of the three shelters. All issues and concerns seemed to have been taken care of.

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AAC – Shawna is trying to get Chris Michand from Dartmouth to attend the next Animal Action Committee meeting. The suggestion of an animal registry would be a good way to know where the animals are.

New Business – Ag Brochure needs to be updated. Carole will start to work on updating the list of farms that was on the old brochure.

8:35 – Motion to Adjourn Shirley/Jay second

Next Meeting April 12, 2017

AgCom Minutes
February 8, 2017

Present:

Ed Ferreira
Shirley Robbins
Jay Tripp
Lee Tripp
Karl Santos
Brian Perry
Carole Mann

Alternates:

Tom Barrett
Geraldyn Gaskell

Absent:

Mike Perry
Rob Russell

Guest:

Ryan Wagner

7:30 - CTO & Pledge

7:35 - Minutes: Motion to approve Karl/second by Carole, unanimous

7:40 – BOH referrals: Noquochoke Orchards – Burning Trash/checked out no issues. (Family problems)

7:45 – Animal Control: Donna Lambert explained to us that Pedro's farm still has not done anything she has asked. Donna's first visit was on 11/7/2016. Donna, Allan and Megan went there in January. AgCom will send someone down on Saturday Feb. 11, 2017 to speak with them. Jay will let Pedro know that AgCom will be coming over.

8:20 - AAC update: We need to inforce the laws that we already have on the books.

8:30 - New Business: AgCom Brochures need to be updated. Look them over and recommend changes at our next meeting.

8:40 – Motion to Adjourn Karl/second Shirley

Next Meeting March 8, 2017 – 7:30

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AgCom Minutes
April 12, 2017

Present:

Ed Ferriera
Shirley Robbins
Jay Tripp
Lee Tripp
Carole Mann
Karl Santos

Alternates:

Ryan Wagner
Robert Russell

Absent:

Tom Barrett
Geraldynn Gaskell

Guests:

Chris Wiley
Donna Perrilo
Maury May

CTO: 7:35

Pledge

Minutes: Motion to approve Jay/second Carole, unanimous

BOH: Nothing at the time

Animal Control: Nothing at the time

Speciality Crop Grant: Maury May (Westport Economic Development) came and spoke to AgCom regarding applying for a \$90K grant for to help expand marketing, educate growers, focus on trademark and enforcement of the Macomber Turnip. DNA testing would be done on what seed is available and make sure that it is true seed. (See attachment with minutes, Copy of Grant application and correspondence Tony Vieira.)

Motion was made to support the Westport Economic Development for Macomber Turnip 6 in favor, 1 not (Shirley Robbins)

AAC: Supports better communication with MDAR and would like to create an animal registry.

New Business: Updating our Ag Brochures

8:40 – Motion to adjourn Shirley/second Lee, unanimous

Next meeting 5/10/17

AgCom Minutes
May 10, 2017

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Present:

Ed Ferreira
Shirley Robbins
Jay Tripp
Karl Santos
Brian Perry
Carole Mann

Alternates:

Thomas Barrett
Robert Russell
Geraldynn Gaskell

Absent:

Lee Tripp
Ryan Wagner

CTO: 7:35

Pledge

Minutes: Motion to approve Jay/second Karl, unanimous

BOH: No representative at this time

Animal Control: Donna would like a written report on Pedro inspection to be forwarded to her. List of problem/violations given to AgCom. See Attached from Donna – Animal Control Officer

Ag Brochure: Motion made to ask Westport Economic Development if they would be able to sponsor/donate monies toward an updated brochure. Shirley made motion/Karl second, unanimous

AAC update: Recommendation to create a task force of all department heads.

8:35 Motion to adjourn Karl/Second Shirley unanimous

Next Meeting 6/14/2017

AgCom Minutes
June 14, 2017

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Present:

Ed Ferreira
Jay Tripp
Carole Mann
Lee Tripp
Shirley Robbins

Alternates:

Ryan Wagner
Rob Russell
Jerry Gaskell

Absent:

Karl Santos
Tom Barrett
Brian Perry

CTO: 7:35

Pledge

Minutes: Motion to approve as read Jay/seconded by Carole unanimous

BOH Referrals: Andrade Permit

Martin Farm – State was coming for inspection

Pedro Paperwork

Tim B. at Driftwood Farm – got a piggery permit 50 pigs

Ryan Wagner – asking for piggery permit for 20 pigs will get in spring, raise until fall and
Then send them for slaughter.

Board of Health has asked for AgComs in put on Pig regulations – Phil Weinberg (BOH) is working on updating them.

AAC: Meeting Monday 6/19/2017 6pm. Lee Tripp made a motion people with less than five acres who have animals need to register their animals. A small registration fee to be determined at a later date.

New Business: Massachusetts Agricultural Commissions, Laura Sapienza-Grabski,
Brookview2@Hotmail.com

No meeting in July or August

Next Meeting September 13, 2017

Motion to adjourn – Lee/seconded by Carole

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AGCOM Meeting 9 / 13 / 17

Minutes :

Call to order - 7:33 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present :

Ed Ferrara

Jay Tripp

Carol Mann

Geralyn Gaskell

Karl Santos

Lee Tripp

Brian Perry

Ryan Wagner

Guest : Mike Sullivan [BOS]

Minutes for 6/14/17 approved - motion to approve Ed, 2nd by Karl

Discussion on signing off on Sampson potato farm 61A lot – motion to sign off Jay 2nd by Karl

Board of Health referrals - none

Animal Control referrals - none

Piggery regulations: discussion about residency or not required to have a Piggery permit at a location. If non-residency what proximity is realistic.

Brian shared State House experience before the Joint Committee for natural resources environmental and agriculture public hearing

Animal Action Committee update: discussion about maybe a task force or subcommittee maybe put in place. AAC next meeting September 25th, 2017.

AGCOM brochure: discussion and everyone agreed same format new pictures and update Farms is necessary

Consider asking CPC for money to print brochures.

Ryan Wagner working to get a complete list of farms from SEMAP

Lee brought up shorelines article that does not speak very well AGCOM regarding the animal issues in town.

Lee Motions that AGCOM votes in favor of writing a letter stating AGCOM's unanimous position of proper and Humane treatment of farm animals.

Jay 2nd the motion

Jay make suggestion to have letter read at the next AAC meeting.

Mike Sullivan asks relative questions which we discussed

Ryan Wagner updated on a cease-and-desist order on his farm. Discussion followed.

Mike Sullivan stated he would like to look to AGCOM to be able to help in decision making with the board of selectmen.

Discussion on scheduling meeting to vote on Ryan Wagner's Weatherlow Farm Cease-and-desist regarding Wedding events on and in Barn Meeting will be held 9/25/17 8pm

Motion made and 2nd to adjourn

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AGCOM MEETING 9/28/17

Minutes:

Call to order – 8:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Present:

Ed Ferreria

Karl Santos

Jay Tripp

Shirley Robbins

Lee Tripp

Rob Russell

Tom Barret

Brian Perry

Ryan Wagner

Discussion on Weatherlow Farm regarding Cease and Desist order. Letter/Statement of support from AGCOM to be presented to ZBA was drafted. Motion to approve letter and language in letter was made Shirley, 2nd by Jay, All in favor.

Shirley Brought up Martin Farm. Animals getting loose onto Tupelo Road. Agcom has visited Martin farm several times. Jay will visit and talk to Owner again.

Motion to adjourn by Karl 2nd by Rob – 8:45