

Agcom minutes

9/21/16

Attendance:

Members:

Ed Ferreira
Lee Tripp
Karl Santos
Jay Tripp
Brian Perry
Carol Mann

Alt. Members:

Rob Russell
Geraldyn Gaskell

Guests:

Shirley Robbins
Ryan Wagner
Ryan Mann

Call to Order – 7:35pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of members and guests

BOH Referrals:

Neighbor of piggery on Division rd claims piggery is not complying with regulations
Karl is asking Greg if he would like AGCOM to visit
A farm plan is being worked on

Animal control Referrals:

None

SEMAP update:

No update from Hannah

Nitrogen mapping:

Discussed letter stating 57% is false
David Cole from Planning Board is working to present ideas for new design septic systems
Buzzards Bay Coalition may be involved with Pilot Program
MA has 4 designs approved
RI has 25? Approved

Maury May from WRWA stopped by meeting to let us know that David Cole will be making a 2 part presentation on 10/19/16. He also mentioned he is working on having Farmers Market at the Community Center on Saturday mornings starting in November.

Tenant Farming:

Discussion and Brainstorming on how to help in the process of creating regulations and bylaws. One point discussed was, defining animals, produce, and crop farming

New business:

Discussed membership and did housecleaning

Discussion on animal inspectors and Agcom submitting letter of recommendation to BOS, with copy to BOH and Tim King for Candidates David Rose and Alex McDonald

Jay called the question of submitting Letter, Carol Mann made motion to approve letter and Jay 2nd, all in favor.

Ryan Wagner announced he is having an event on 10/23/16 11am featuring speaker Temple Grandin at Weatherlow Farm. Her talk will be focused on Agricultural animals.

Ryan Mann announced they are looking to protect and are listening to ideas on what to do with the old St. Vincent Depaul camp. He also said they are getting close to finalizing protection of 19 acre Brayton point rd property. They are working on phase 2 of protecting Forge Pond. Also looking at protecting 72 acres along Angeline Brook.

Discussion and vote on declaring Blossom rd property a 61A status. Motion to approve 61 A status was made by Ed and 2nd by Carol Mann. All in favor. *To Release out of 61A*

Ryan Mann announced they are part of a fund raiser and you can purchase cases of Wild Sockeye Salmon at prideofbristol.org. They are hosting a Salmon cookout at Town Farm on 10/22/16 at noon

Next meeting 10/12/16

Motion to adjourn made by Karl and 2nd by Jay