

Agenda Minutes
Agriculture Commission Meeting
Monday, March 7, 2011
Town Manager's Conference Room
7:00 pm.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Call to Order: Cliff Potter called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Members Present: Michael Doody, Joe DeFrancesco, Ryan Van Wilgen
(7:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.);

Member Absent: Gerald Adinolfi .Dudley Harrison

Alternate Members: Harry Juniver

Guests: Carol Zebb, Town Planner

Jason Bagley Patch.com (entire meeting)

Debbie Ferrucci (North Branford Park & Recreational
Department Secretary)

2. Approval of Previous Months Minutes

Member DeFrancesco made a motion to approve the minutes of February 7, 2011
(done by Clerk Janet Crean) seconded by Member Van Wilgen, all were in favor.

3. Unfinished Business:

None at this time

4. New Business & Continued Business

- a. Progress of tax info package
- b. Augur barn repairs
- c. Other property issues at Augur Barn
- d. Greenhouse updates
- e. Potato Festival updates
- f. Members items to be discussed
- g. Visitor comments

a. The resolution has been completed. It is now in the Town Manager's Hands. It will be discussed at the March 15, 2011 Town Council Meeting, in which Member Potter advised members of the Agency to Attend.

b. Member Potter will contact Ken Neubig and again advise him that the project needs to be completed by May 1, 2011. Approximately twenty-one windows need to be replaced, along with the sills. The Barn survived the winter. Member DeFrancesco suggested to the Agency that any left over funds be used for electrical purposes in the barn. Town Planner Zebb advised the Agency that any left over funds would be used for window frames.

c. Larry Augur rents three barns as of now. The overhangs, where the tractors are now, and along the fascia need immediate attention. The open shed also needs to be evaluated. Fran Merola will do an estimate in the future. The contract needs to be reviewed. Member DeFrancesco also suggests a historical building in the barn that currently has two sections.

d. No current update on the Greenhouse Project per Member Van Wilgen. He advised the Agency that less funding is now available. If the funding is denied, Ian will reapply in the fall. There may be a third round of funds but the fall funding can potentially be the last.

e. The North Branford Park and Rec wanted possible relocation of the Agricultural Agency tent. Member Potter advised them that the tent is currently in a central location for the Agency's activities. Also it is for safety and better activity control

f. Town Planner Zebb advised the Agency of the Connecticut Farmers Second Annual Meeting scheduled for March 31 in South Windsor Connecticut. She provided the Agency with a copy of the brochure. Members from Planning and Zoning will also attend. Member DeFrancesco discussed the Community Supportive Agriculture Program. A person pays one monthly fee and gets a basket of goods. Bishops has already signed on with this project.

5. Executive session

- a. Personnel matter, in accordance with C.G.S. Section 118a (e)(1)
- b. Action to be taken if any

No discussion at this time concerning this matter.

6. Adjournment

Member Doody moved, seconded by Member DeFrancesco to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. The motion was carried unanimously.

Submitted by:

Debra Ann Criscuolo
Recording Secretary