

**Agenda Minutes  
Agricultural Commission Meeting  
Monday, February 4, 2008  
Town Manager's Conference Room  
909 Foxon Road  
7:00 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call:**

**Call to Order:** Chairperson Clifford Potter called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

**Members Present:** Gerald Adinolfi, Nelson Cecarelli

**Alternative Members:** Harry Juniver, Dudley Harrison

**2. Approval of Minutes**

The meeting minutes were approved with the exception of the date which needed to be changed from February 8 to February 7. Board Clerk Debra Quinn took care of the requested change.

**3. Unfinished Business**

Member Potter reviewed the unfinished business from last month's meeting. He requested that if the Commission had any suggestions to let him know. Member Potter reviewed the work plan task. It will be deferred on for now as it is an ongoing process. Member Potter also discussed the email process with the Commission. At present time Clerk, Debra Quinn mailing documents to members with no e-mail. He also stated how information has been obtained from the Town of Guilford which has been very helpful.

**4. New Business**

Members Cecarelli, DeFrancesco, Doody and Potter attended last months Guilford Meeting. Guilford has good ideas and they have already received two grants. Member Cecarelli talks about how Guilford has town forums and what occurs is that the forums get input from the farmers and town people.

Guilford has no regulations on signs and they are now going through zoning for recommendations. Member Cecarelli also talks about the farmers markets and that anything sold has to be Connecticut grown. Guilford's attitude is to "fix things and clean it all up."

Guilford has also come up with the two types of farms: Commercial and Standard. Member Potter states that all farmers have three acres of land. All items are cut

and dry. Member Potter also got into the tax codes a little bit making people realize there are farms in Guilford.

Member Cecarelli states that all the people in Guilford were asked about their opinions. November 14 is the new date for the application for a grant. Augur Farm will be named on the Grant. Member Potter goes over the Application, Mission Statement, Goals, Conflicts and Land Parcels. It was also determined that Guilford may be going for another grant.

Member Potter also goes over the list of vendors. He is not sure what they use farm bureau for. He also states that Leslie Kane wants to get together quarterly. She is very impressed that North Branford answers to a Town Council. Leslie holds the title of Tree Warden in Guilford. Mr. Pinchbeck is also willing to help. North Branford also helped Guilford with letter concerning horses on trail. The Horse Council backed off after the meeting. Guilford will be invited to the Commission's March meeting.

Cliff reads Guilford's Agricultural Commission to Undertake Review of Town Ordinances and Regulations. He also goes over Regulating the Farm: Improving Agriculture's Viability in the Capitol Region. It talks about the history and what they did.

Members Cecarelli and Potter discuss their board members. Everyone has their own interest on the Commission.

## **5. Old Business**

Member Potter suggests that Member Doody find out about the farm museum on Augur Property. The Commission hopes that it will stay as is. Also Land Preservation has not met in a long time. Commission needs to coordinate with them and they can help each other out. Member Cecarelli will look into this matter.

Member Potter suggests a logo for Commission. He hands out his suggestions for logo. It "says it all without too much".

He states that we could get funding for the logo from the Grant. Member Cecarelli will also have Willie take digital photos.

Member Adinolfi called Marianne Bradley concerning tapes. She states DeFrancesco and Augur were together. Willie has the horse one and Member DeFrancesco has the one of his family.

Member Potter talks about self-producing tapes to promote what North Branford still is. Member Potter passes out information on Barns to Preserve. He talks about the grant on barns and refers to Paul's Bradley's Farm.

## 6. Any Other Items

Member Cecarelli questions pursuing a market with small tents. He also refers to the Connecticut Grown Farms Market Book. The Commission would like to see it pursued by the Summer, maybe once or twice a week. It should be limited to what is grown in town. Member Cecarelli also talks about tractor square dancing and a Memorial Day parade. Member Cecarelli questions the tax abatements. The Town Council can be provided with facts that Guilford has used.

7. **Adjournment:** There being no further business, Member Cecarelli made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 9:02 p.m. Harry Juniver seconded this motion. All were in favor, none opposed and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debra A. Quinn

Debra A. Quinn – Secretary