

**Corrected Agenda Minutes
Agriculture Commission Meeting
Monday, June 1, 2009
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 7:04 p.m.

Members: Joe DeFrancesco, Gerald Adinolfi, Michael Doody

Alternate Members: Dudley Harrison, Harry Juniver, Town Planner Carol Zebb

2. Approval of Previous Months Minutes

Alternate Member Harrison moved, seconded by Alternate Member Juniver to approve the minutes of May, 2009. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. Unfinished Business

None at this time

.4. New Business

- a. Family historical photos, for scrapbook at potato fest**
- b. Farmer's Brochure progress report**
- c. Discuss feature farms in local papers. Changes coming**
- d. Potato Fest ongoing information. Update from last few weeks**
- e. Filming of agriculture activities. Who has tapes?**
- f. Members Items to be discussed**
- g. Visitor's Comments**

Member Harrison had a scrapbook display at last year's potato festival. Member Potters suggests photos and he will scan them in for a historical scrapbook. They would include lineage and heritage from the town. There is still plenty of time to get them together for the festival

Town Planner Zebb shows the brochure to the Agency that was chosen. A different design from last year is being used. The newer one is more "sharpened". Different colors were displayed and the agency agreed on the terra green color. The map part of the brochure will be moved to the back. All local farmers have responded with respect to relevant changes concerning their farm's explanation. The brochure will go in the June 19 Totoket Times.

Joe DeFrancesco's article published was too small. Ben supposedly has left The Sound. Member Potter emailed the editor to have the new person contact him. Page's farm is next on the list, hopefully before the end of June.

The tractor pull will be on Saturday – Bragging Rights will be doing it. Ryan Van Wilgen is putting red iron horses for the entranceway. The Agency needs to make sure he is recognized for doing this.

Member Potter provided the Agency concerning emails with Pam. Saturday the Agency will be selling vegetables starting at noon. Hayrides will begin at 1:00 p.m. The town will provide relevant insurance. Ribbons will be given to the different weight classes for the tractor pulls, which are all farm tractors.

Debbie Ferraro will be using the bullpen depending upon how the carnival set up goes. Member Doody suggest a map be provided. Town Planner Zebb will design maps for the Agriculture Committee and signs stating there is a Farmers Market.

Farmers need to state who is donating (i.e. corn, potatoes) and where product is coming from. Bishop's will donate the tents and Member DeFrancesco could provide eco friendly bags if the commission decides to go that way. In fairness to all farmers donating this might not be the way to go. The bags have the Defranseco name on them. Also Member DeFrancesco will let the Agency use his CT Grown tents that he received through the grant. It was suggested that they be used at the hayride point.

Filming will be a Winter item. The town's cable television broadcast will be updated and fixed soon concerning local access. Members Harrison, DeFrancesco and Adinolfi may have tapes.

5. Executive Session

No discussion at this time concerning this matter.

6. Adjournment:

Alternative Member Doody moved, seconded by Alternate Member Juniver to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.. The motion was carried unanimously.

Submitted by:

Debra Ann Criscuolo

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