

**Corrected Agenda Minutes
Agriculture Commission Meeting
Monday, November 3, 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 7:01 p.m.

Members Present: Gerald Adinolfi, Joseph DeFrancesco,
Nelson Ceccarelli

Alternate Members: Dudley Harrison, Harry Juniver

Also Present: Town Planner Carol Zebb

2. Approval of Previous Months Minutes

Alternative Member Harrison moved, seconded by Member Ceccarelli to approve the minutes of October, 2008. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. Unfinished Business

- a. Grand application progress**
- b. Augur farm barn repairs long term**

Town Planner Zebb stated that the grant application process is moving along. She needs more information from people. Also needed is the square footage of the border. A breakdown from Kenny Neubig is also needed. The project will be the roof and it will need to be completed within one year. A metal roof will be put in place. A motion will need to be drafted for the town to do a 50% match.

Also Kenny Neubig will need to revise his estimate– (up the amount by \$15,000.00 to include the language “roof structural improvements where needed”). If the roof is installed professionally a warranty would also be in effect.

4. New Business

- a. Potato Fes 2009 What is Proposed**
- b. Ag Commission portion of proposed P&Z draft plan**
- c. Fall Farmer Meeting**
- d. Actions of other agencies concerning Augur Farm property**
- e. Discuss featured farms in local papers**
- f. Barn site and grounds cleanup. Fran public works**
- g. Members Items to be discussed**
- h. Visitor's Comments**

Member Potter attended a Potato Festival Meeting. They are looking to improve it from last year. He is looking for input from the Agency. The dates are August 7, 8 and 9, 2009. Member Potter will advise the agency of the next scheduled meeting. It is a possibility that hayrides will occur all weekend long.

The Planning and Zoning hearing was closed. The workshop will take place December 4 to go over comments. The final draft will be publicized on the web with a scheduled hearing date. A forum is a good way to start.

All farmers on the brochure have gotten notice of the November 12 Forum.

The Totoket Times will publish an article concerning the Agriculture Commission. Doing it monthly would probably be “overkill”.

The Town’s people have been bringing leaves to the Cinque property. It was agreed that no leaves will be put on the Augur property. Town people are not charged to dump their leaves. Member DeFrancesco may be interested in leaves being brought to his property.

Fran has Eagle Scouts who are looking for a cleanup project. The Augur barn would be cleaned up. Fran will make the arrangements and supervision will occur.

The Forum will take place on November 12 at 7:00 p.m. Questions will be taken and answered if possible from our local farmers..

5. Executive Session

No discussion at this time concerning this matter.

6. Adjournment:

Member DeFrancesco moved, seconded by Alternate member Juniver to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.. The motion was carried unanimously.

Submitted by:

Debra Ann Quinn

Debra Ann Quinn – Recording Secretary

