

**Corrected Agenda Minutes  
Agriculture Commission Meeting  
Monday, October 6, 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, Michael Doody  
Nelson Ceccarelli (7:07 p.m.)

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

**2. Approval of Previous Months Minutes**

Member DeFrancesco moved, seconded by Alternate Member Harrison to approve the minutes of September, 2008 as drafted by Chairperson Clifford Potter. The motion was carried unanimously.

**3. Unfinished Business**

- a. Grand application**
- b. Augur barn repairs**

Two bids have been submitted – Al Rose and Kenneth Neubig. Both will need to be responded to. Town Planner Carol Zebb is working with the figures. The grant needs to be postmarked by November 14, 2008.

The roof is in dire need of repair. The current repairs will get the roof through the winter. If the grant is not approved, the repair amount will have to be put through the town budget. The Commission will find out by January/February if the Grant is approved. A progress report will need to be submitted concerning the repairs done if the grant is approved.

**4. New Business**

- a. Calendar**
- b. Ag Commission portion of proposed P&Z draft plan**
- c. Planning of fall meeting with town farmers**
- d. Land rental to farmers**
- e. Ag Comm. Interaction with other town commissions and agencies**
- f. Visitor comments**
- g. Any items other members wish to discuss**

Chairperson Potter will draft a calendar. The meetings will occur on the first Monday of each month, unless there is a holiday, or conflict.

The Planning & Zoning draft plan is going slower than expected. It will be extended due to relevant issues. The public hearing affected the draft plan. Town Planner Zebb will report.

The November 12<sup>th</sup> open forum will be open to all farmers. Town Planner Zebb will send an invite to farmers on the 490 list. Chairman Potter will invite Town Manager Richard Branigan. An article was proposed in the Sound and Totoket Times concerning said meeting.

Town leases to farmers.

The goal is to make current leases “farm friendly”. The Town Manager takes in bids and compares them. Long term leases should be taken into consideration. The Town has the right to take the leases back. Notice of cancellation rights should be given to both sides. Chairman Potter will email the information to the town manager.

The Agriculture Commission would like to see how other town commissions operate. Also the commission would like to get some sense as to how Planning & Zoning and Inlands could interact with the Agriculture Commission

There are no visitor comments at this time.

There will be two Agriculture banners on a wagon for the North Haven Columbus Day parade.

## **5. Executive Session**

No discussion at this time concerning this matter.

## **6. Adjournment:**

Member Doody moved, seconded by member Harrison to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m... The motion was carried unanimously.

Submitted by:

Debra Ann Quinn

Debra Ann Quinn – Recording Secretary

