

**Agenda Minutes
Agriculture Commission Meeting
Monday, June 7, 2010
Town Manager's Conference Room
7:00 pm.**

Prior to the start of the meeting, Superintendent Scott Schoonmaker spoke to the commission regarding the greenhouse at the North Branford High School. The greenhouse is doing outstanding and would like to thank this commission for all your help in making this a huge success. Superintendent Schoonmaker mentioned if anyone from this commission would like to go to the high school and discuss/talk about greenhouses and farming they are more than welcome and also mentioned if any farmer or commission member needs help/volunteering work from the students to contact the Superintendent directly.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Call to Order: Michael Doody called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Members Present: Gerald Adinolfi, Michael Doody, Joe DeFrancesco

Alternate Members: Dudley Harrison, Harry Juniver

Absent Member: Cliff Potter

2. Approval of Previous Months Minutes

Alternate Member Juniver moved, seconded by Alternate member Harrison to approve the minutes of June 7, 2010. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. Unfinished Business

None at this time

4. New Business

- a. **Ag Comm. Brochure**
- b. **Viability state grant. Next steps now after approval (ongoing)**
- c. **Discuss featured farms in The Sound newspaper update. (ongoing)**
- d. **Potato Fest ongoing info. (ongoing)**
- e. **Wednesday night meeting for water issues in town**
- f. **Possible town land rental issues. Updates (ongoing)**
- g. **Possible tax adjustments (farmer's taxes) updates (ongoing)**
- h. **Rotary garden project**
- i. **Tractor pull needs, info, updates (ongoing)**
- j. **Greenhouse project**
- k. **Member's Items to be Discussed**
- l. **Visitor's comments**

Town Planner Zebb returns the first week of July and the Agency will then receive a report from her.

Member Potter provided to the Agency copies of relevant emails to him from Ron Olson. Mr. Olson is looking for relevant insurance information. Per Member Doody, an RFP is needed. Also the hay needs to be removed from the Augur Barn. The general census is that green should be the color of the barn roof.

Larry Augur's farm will be the next featured farm. The tent has to be put up by a certain time...possibly two days before the festival for inspection. Cliff suggested Pete from New Haven Signs at a cost of \$15.00 per sign acknowledging farm donations.

Member Potter gave to the Agency a memo from the Watershed Source Water Protection Workshop regarding a meeting on Wednesday, June 9.

The rental has to go out for general bid due to North Branford's charter. Relevant changes will be made to the contract.

There are no town funds as this point so this matter is put on hold.

Larry Augur will give them between ¼ and a ½ acre (corner of Mill and Route 22). Scott Shumaker is enforcing this project.

Member Potter provided to the Agency an email from Vincent Germini at Braggin Rights.

Project going well as reported by the Board of Education meeting (Grower's Aid Inc. Memo)

The liability of tractor rides will be high. Tractor route could wind up on Route 17 or Route 77 which are very curvy and winding roads. The route would be on a very tough dirt road as well.

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

Alternate Member Doody moved, seconded by Alternate Member Harrison to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. The motion was carried unanimously.

Submitted by:

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Recording Secretary