

APPROVED
TOWN OF PELHAM
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION – MEETING MINUTES
September 2020

CALL TO ORDER- Chair Jenny Larson called the meeting to order at approximately 6:05PM

PRESENT: Jenny Larson, Jessica Edwards, Theresa Wentzell, Stephen Doherty, Alternate Jeff Caira, Alternate John Spottiswood, Alternate Laura Spottiswood

ABSENT:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEETING MINUTES

Minutes Review September 17, 2020

- Livestock ordinance; review and rewrite the ordinance that works for the whole community.
- Review the facebook page and the email addresses for the committee.

Motion: (Edwards/Doherty) To accept meeting minutes from the September 24, 2020 Agricultural Commission Meeting.

Vote: (5-0-0)The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

- Opening for 1-2 yr full time seat for the AG Commission
- Alternate positions 1- 3 yr and 1-2 yr positions
- Ms Kelley officially resigned

OPEN FORUM

- Ms Larson addresses the open positions for the AG Commission still have not been posted, along with the facebook page and the email addresses. Ms Larson & Ms Edwards will attend the next Board of Selectmen Meeting to discuss the delay with the board.
- Ms Larson is working on the Master Plan with adding in an Agriculture Section with guidelines included.

Livestock Ordinance:

- Ms Spottiswood has rewritten the Animal Ordinance to be fair to the whole community, Using the UNH housing and Best Practice Guidelines with adding in more details revising the fine structure and adding the acreage and deem the property as grandfathered not just the homeowner. It Should be passed along for the next homeowner to continue using the property as is. Mr Cara suggested to add in a clause for Therapy and Support Animals. Also continuing to educate both parties of any issues that arise during each visit.
- Adopt the wording of the animal ordinance with corrections.

Motion: (Mr Doherty/ Ms Wentzell)

VOTE: (5-0-0) The motion carried.

Close Open forum:

APPOINTMENTS

DISCUSSION

- Ms Edwards and Ms Spottiswood are updating the Bi-Laws and are almost complete.
- The AG Commission should be on the same timeline as the rest of the Town Boards, Commissions and Committees for renewal

- The AG Commission is going to have an information table also to introduce the newly formed Commission to the community at the Restore Thank You Meet and Greet on Saturday September 26th at the Pelham Saddlery.
 - Mr Doherty is looking into opening an account at Enterprise Bank for the Commission
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COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm

MOTION: (Edwards/ Doherty)

VOTE: (5-0-0)

Respectfully submitted

Thersa Wentzell

Secretary