

Meeting Minutes
Canterbury Agriculture Commission
Thursday, November 17, 2016
Canterbury Community Center

I. Call to order:

- a. Chairperson Dawn Pindell called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM
- b. Recording device was unavailable to obtain audio transcript.

II. Roll call:

- a. Members present: Dawn Pindell and John Baldwin. Chairperson identified that a quorum was not present, and that no motions or votes could take place.

- b. Visitors present: Chris Lippke (Selectman), Jessica Vincent (local residents.)

III. Review of minutes from previous meeting:

- a. Minutes of the last official meeting held (October 27, 2016) had been previously promulgated by e-mail. No quorum was present for this meeting, thus minutes will be reviewed for approval next meeting, in January.

IV. Opportunity for Public Comment:

- a. Chris Lippke reported in the joint application for the Farm Viability Grant which was submitted by Melissa Gill prior to the November 14 deadline. Well done, Melissa Gill, on drafting the grant application to support and enhance the Canterbury Farm & Craft Market (CFCM). Chris anticipates a response should be received by January 1st.

V. Old Business:

- a.. Canterbury Farm & Craft Market: Jessica will canvas potential vendors for the CFCM over the Winter months. Jessica will also work on developing web publicity, and drafting a 'vendor application' form to use next Spring.

b. CFCM: Jessica suggested we reach out to the Killingly VoAg Department during the Winter to determine if any students would volunteer to assist in the CFCM, as a school or FFA related project. Jessica also suggested that over the Winter we also reach out to local businesses to request sponsors for the weekly events, as well as the Economic Development Commission (EDC), and for participation by local civic and municipal organizations (i.e., Canterbury Historical Society, Friends of Prudence Crandall, Volunteer Fire Company, Athletic League, Library, etc.)

c. VoAg Scholarship: No action has been taken thus far on the proposed FFA (Future Farmers of America) agricultural student scholarship. Previous meeting discussion of the Canterbury Farm/Craft Market included utilizing Canterbury students who attend the Killingly High School Vo-Ag program to assist with the town Farm/Craft Market, and to include support of the Vo-Ag program (with goal of enhancing local agriculture) as part of the justification within the Farm Viability Grant application and budget request.

d. Commercial Kitchen/Cottage Bill: No update available by Christina.

e. Commission membership: Discussion regarding the need for additional members via appointments to the Ag Commission, to fill vacancies. Those present encouraged to seek volunteers, and submit names of potential candidates.

VI. New Business:

a. Membership: Jessica Vincent submitted her letter to the Selectmen for appointment to the Canterbury Agriculture Commission, to fill the existing vacancy. Anticipate she will be sworn in by the next regular commission meeting.

VII. Other

a. There will be no meeting in December, as previously promulgated. Proposed meeting dates for the Ag Commission in 2017 are: Jan 27, Feb 23, Mar 23, Apr 27, May 25, Jun 22, Aug 24, Sept 28, Oct 26, and Nov 16. No meetings are planned for July or December.

VIII. Next Meeting

a. Next official Canterbury Ag Commission meeting will be held January 27th at 7 pm in the Community Center.

IX. Adjournment

a. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.