

**Town of Medway  
Agricultural Committee  
Medway Public Library, Historical Room  
26 High Street, Medway MA 02053**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**January 25, 2017**

**Present:** Chairman Paul Atwood and Secretary Margaret Perkins.

Chairman Paul Atwood called the meeting to order at 7:23 PM.

**Approval of Agenda and Minutes:**

*A motion to accept the agenda for the meeting of January 25, 2017 was made by Ms. Perkins, seconded by Chairman Atwood and approved unanimously.*

*A motion to accept the minutes of December 14, 2016 as submitted was made by Ms. Perkins, seconded by Chairman Atwood and approved unanimously.*

**Citizen Comments:**

No citizens present.

**Old Business:**

- A. Update on Chapter 61: No update.
- B. Recruitment of Additional Committee Members: Ms. Perkins suggested Katie from the Community Farm, but Chairman Atwood thinks she will be very busy in her new role as Farm Manager. Chairman Atwood will check with her nonetheless, as well as the Community Farm Board, and some other Medway farmers. Chairman Atwood will also draft a recruiting poster to advertise at the Medway Library and Town Hall, and perhaps at the Community Farm stand once it opens for the season.
- C. Mission Statement: Ms. Perkins drafted the following Mission Statement for review by the Board.  
The Mission of the Medway Agricultural Committee is to:
  - Represent the Town of Medway's agricultural community
  - Serve as facilitators for encouraging the pursuit of agriculture in Medway
  - Promote agricultural based economic activities
  - Preserve, revitalize, and sustain Medway's agricultural economic enterprises
  - Work to preserve and protect town and privately owned agricultural lands
  - Advise Town Boards on issues involving agriculture
  - Act as mediators, advocates, educators and negotiators on agricultural issues

***A motion to approve the Mission Statement was made by Chairman Atwood, seconded by Ms. Perkins and approved unanimously.***

**New Business:**

- A. February 25, 2017: The Massachusetts Association of Agricultural Commissions will hold its annual meeting from 10-4 in Topsfield, MA. Chairman Atwood will check his availability and attend if possible.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1419574394727942/>

- B. The Medway Library Maker Space is going to get a small hydroponics setup, funded by Friends of the Library.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

February 15, 2017 at 7:00 PM

**Adjournment:**

The Board adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Filipa LeClair

Meeting Recording Secretary