

Town of Medway
Agricultural Committee
Medway Council of Aging Building
Medway, MA 02053

Minutes of Meeting

February 13, 2019

Present: Chairman Paul Atwood, Secretary Margaret Perkins, Board Members Alison Dempsey and Mike Kassel.

Chair Atwood called the meeting in order at 7:30PM.

Introduction of PJ Kilkelly from Holliston and Right to Farm and Mike Lobisser from Medway Rocky Hill Farm.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

A motion to accept the Agenda for the meeting of February 13, 2019 was made by Chairman Atwood and seconded by Board Member Alison Dempsey.

A motion to accept the January 16, 2019 meeting minutes was made by Board Member Alison Dempsey and seconded by Secretary Margaret Perkins.

Citizens comment:

N/A

Old Business

Chapter 61: Chairman Atwood got list of Chapter 61A Properties. The report showed 5-8 properties that were dropped off list throughout the previous years but no changes in the last 2 years.

New Business

- A. Medway Community Farmers and Rocky Hill Farm in support of presenting Right to Farm bylaw to Selectmen in order for it be put on May town Meeting Agenda.
- B. Chairman Atwood went to workshop in Acton MA called Open Space Farm and Housing. The most popular questions at workshop were land conservation and preserving farms. It was mentioned the biggest pressure on state is affordable housing 40B Developments.
- C. The Right to Farm bylaw is a local bylaw that can be passed by Towns to reiterate and emphasize their support for farming.
- D. Committee members looking into 4DA- Ad commission
- E. Member Alison Dempsey is working things out details for the upcoming farming season.

- F. To schedule a joint Agricultural Commission meeting in Holliston regarding general status and issues facing towns.

New Meeting:

March 12, 2019 7:00PM at the Holliston Town Hall Room 14, Washington Street.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Dempsey, seconded by Mr. Atwood and approved unanimously.

The board adjourned at 8:47PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Bemis

Meeting Recording Secretary