

## **Lanesborough Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes – March 5, 2009**

**Attendees: Members - Prudy Barton, Pete Gallant**

**Alternates - Darlene Newton, Aimee Thayer**

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Board Room at the Lanesborough Town Hall.

1. **Minutes** - Members reviewed and accepted the minutes of January 8<sup>th</sup> and February 9<sup>th</sup> (the rabies clinic).
2. **Annual Report** - Prudy provided a copy of the annual report to be sent to Carmella for inclusion in the Town Report.
3. **Rabies Clinic** - Prudy wrote thank you notes to the Girl Scouts and the Highway Department. Members agreed it was a success and we will probably make it an annual event.
4. **Ag Commission Conference** - members discussed the Western Massachusetts Ag Commission conference scheduled for March 28th. Pete, Darlene and Marv may attend.
5. **Ag in the Classroom**
  - a. Pete researched the seed sources. The commission decided to purchase 3 pounds of seeds and ziplock bags for distribution to the elementary school students. Marv will work up planting instruction labels.
  - b. Prudy discussed the possibility of setting up a compost program at the school. A successful program will involve the kitchen staff, students, janitors and some compost bins. We may try for a mini-grant money to purchase the bins.
  - c. Marv has started working with students planting vegetables and described the process so far this year. They started pumpkins, squash and flowers. He also invites students and their parents to come out to his greenhouse for more growing experiences.

### **Adjournment and next meeting**

Members confirmed the next meeting for April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m..