

## Lanesborough Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes – September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007

**Attendees: regular members - Pete Gallant, Prudy Barton**  
**alternate members - Darlene Newton, Aimee Thayer**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Planning Board Room at the Lanesborough Town Hall.

**Review of Minutes** - Minutes from August 9th were reviewed. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the 7<sup>th</sup> minutes as written.

### **Old Business**

- 1. Farm Inventory Survey** - the Assessors provided a list of all owners of RA zoned property. Members agreed to divide up the list for review before the next meeting where the list should be finalized by removing duplicate names and known non-ag producers. In the mean time, Prudy will ask the assessors if the list is available in a spreadsheet format for easier editing. Aimee will print the list we received, divide it up and mail sections to the members for their review. Prudy will also contact Craig Swinson to confirm the Commissions wish to use his account for mailing the survey. The price for zip and sort services was not known. Members also agreed an appropriately timed press release to the Eagle was in order to advertise the survey.
- 2. Informational meeting** on 61, 61A etc. - Aimee reported no success on connecting with a speaker for such a meeting so recommended postponing such an event until such time as a speaker can be obtained.

### **New Business**

- 3. Grant opportunities** - Members discussed the possibility of procuring grant funds in the future for Ag related projects in town. There are several local, state and federal grant opportunities each year which, if pursued may provide funds for various types of projects suitable for the AgCom. Energy efficiency and renewability, crop preservation, etc. During the discussion, the group also evaluated the idea of becoming a member of Berkshire Grown. No decision was reached in that no funds are available and we aren't sure if an organization can obtain a membership.

### **Next meetings and Adjournment**

Members confirmed the next meeting dates for October 4<sup>th</sup>, November 1<sup>st</sup> and December 6th. Marv asked for a reminder call a couple of days beforehand. A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn at 8:17 p.m.