

Lanesborough Agricultural Commission

January 9, 2014

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm at the Lanesborough Town Hall in the Planning Board Meeting Room.

Attendees: Darlene Newton, Marvin Michalak, Mike Gallagher, and Pete Gallant.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2013, meeting as printed.

Old Business

1. Keep Berkshire Farming

There was a presentation at the MAAC meeting on December 7. The program is on-going.

2. Lanesborough School Garden

The seeds for this coming year have been ordered. They are non-treated, non-GMO, and organic. It was suggested that a planting be made so that vegetables could be harvested before the end of the school year.

3. MAAC Meeting – December 7

All members attended the meeting at the Hancock Shaker Village on December 7. It was a good meeting and very informational.

4. MAAC Small Grant Program

We are awaiting a response.

Another possible grant from Sow It Forward was mentioned. Pete Gallant will attempt to apply for the grant.

5. Rabies Clinic

The clinic is scheduled for February 11, 2014, from 5-6 pm at the Town Garage. Posters need to be generated. A stipend for the highway department personnel was discussed.

New Business

1. Open Meeting Law

Pete Gallant and Mike Gallaher have completed the requirements. Paperwork needs to be submitted.

2. MAAC Membership

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to remain members of the MAAC.

3. Farm Bureau

There was discussion on becoming members of the Farm Bureau. A motion was made, seconded and approved to join the Farm Bureau.

4. Ag Com Pot Luck

Possible dates for the dinner were discussed. It was suggested to be the end of February at 6 pm in the Community Room. An invitation will be developed and a list of people to invite.

5. Mass Ag Day

It was noted that Mass Ag Day would be held in Boston on March 26.

The next meeting will be February 13, 2014, at 7 pm.

It was moved, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 8:25 pm.