

Final Minutes
Bozrah Agriculture Commission
Monthly Meeting
Thursday, February 2, 2017
7 p.m.

Present: Sarah Brush, Pat Hibbard, Maresi von Halem and Steve Seder. Amanda Fargo-Johnson, Donald Lathrop and Cara Kneser were absent. First Selectman Glenn Pianka was present. Minutes provided by Sarah Brush and Pat Hibbard in Amanda Fargo-Johnson's absence.

1. **Attendance/Introductions.** The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm. This meeting was re-scheduled from the regularly scheduled January 31, 2017 meeting due to snow.
2. **Public Input.** Glenn Pianka provided an update on the Bozrah Farmer's Market.
3. **Review of Minutes.** Sarah Brush made a motion to approve the minutes from November 29, 2016 as read and presented, Maresi von Halem seconded, all in favor. The minutes were approved.
4. **Old Business**
 - **Commission Member appointments:** Pat Hibbard and Cara Kneser have been re-appointed to the Commission with Donald Lathrop as alternate by the Board of Selectman.
 - **Alternate Commission Position:** Steve Seder is newly appointed as alternate to the Commission.
 - **Agriculture Scholarship:** Scholarship program discussed on how to fund it and the need for a fundraiser. Pat Hibbard proposed using some of the AG Commission's line item for funding the scholarship program. Sponsor an FFA jacket for the Lebanon FFA chapter.
 - **Current Ag Events:** Flyers for the February 15th program co-sponsored with Franklin and Lebanon Ag. Commissions were distributed to members to post at various locations to the public. Several members will be attending and help with set-up and providing refreshments. Set up for the meeting will begin at 5:30 pm.
 - **Future AG Events: 2017 Public Events Planning** Tentative schedule:
First Quarter - Cooperative Public Presentation with Franklin and Lebanon
Second Quarter - Fields Memorial School "Getting to know local livestock"
Third Quarter - Tractor night at the Farmer's Market
Fourth Quarter - Food bank donations of extra produce to families in need
5. **New Business**
 - **Mapping priority farms for the Department of Agriculture Preservation Small Farms Program.** Continue mapping at March Meeting, mapping should be concerned with important soil area identification in town.
 - **Develop priority ranking criteria for farms in town.** The need to develop ranking criteria.
6. **Other Business:** Selectman Pianka reported on re-directing part of \$40,000 into land preservation to be matched.
7. **Future Agendas:** The next step for the Commission will be to setup ranking criteria for farms in town.
8. **Announcements/Reminder.** None.
9. **Public Input.** None.

10. Adjourn – Maresi Von Halem motioned to adjourn, Sarah Brush seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 7:00 pm