

Town Of Kingston Agricultural Commission
Minutes of the meeting held June 10, 2009

Attendance: Christine Nava, Barry Mathias, Rui Santos, Phil Burnham, Karen Johnson. Guests: Jean Landis-Naumann and Tim Shea

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM

A motion was made by Barry to accept the minutes from the meeting on May 11, 2009. Seconded by Rui. Passed.

Tim Shea met Barry today and Barry invited him to the meeting tonight. Tim introduced himself. He owns the blueberry farm on Foster Lane. Tim wanted to sit in on a meeting and may consider filling the empty seat on the commission.

A Motion was made by Rui and seconded by Barry to appoint Karen as secretary of the commission. Motion passed.

Aquaculture: Barry filled the board in on the progress of Kingston's aquaculture. The aquaculture group went up in front of the Selectmen last night. Christine Nava had signed a letter supporting aquaculture on behalf of the Agricultural Commission. Copies of this letter went to John Wheble and Nancy Howlett. The meeting went well and the selectmen will vote on it at the 6/23 meeting.

Agricultural Night: Barry will follow up with the band for us. He will also follow up with SEMAP to see if they will be coming. Christine has received applications from Janine Chuckeran, The Sybertz's, Susan Ketcham (dogs), South Shore Equine Clinic, Mary O'Brien, Beth Corbett, and the K-9 Unit. She will make phone calls to follow up with people. Jean will get the neighbor letters and the Selectmen's letter to Christine so she can mail those out. We are still trying to get the funding for the detail cop. Barry spoke to Elliot Glass about having FFA represented, he said he'd try.

Earth Removal By Law: Jean informed the board that the by law is ready to be presented to the Selectmen. She needs the Ag. Comm. And the Water Dept. to approve it so that things can move forward. Jean will email the board a copy of the new changes.

New Business: Duxbury Gardeners is relocating to the N. Plymouth/ Kingston line to the former Mid Cape location. Rui will suggest that they do a display at Ag. Night.

John Wheble may want to set up an aquaculture display. Christine will send him a letter.

Barry met with Pine Dubois regarding uses for the Cranberry Preserve. Elliot Glass joined them as they investigated possible uses for the property. They discussed ways to tie this project into the school's vocational program. Some thoughts were growing organic cranberries, beach grasses, and other plants. This program

will need leadership to move forward but they thought that it would be a great way to get the students involved with growing and harvesting crops/ cranberries. Pine will pursue this.

The next tentative meeting date will be Wednesday July 8, 2009 at 7:00. Christine will confirm with an email.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Karen and seconded by Rui to adjourn at 8:12 PM. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Nava