

Agricultural Commission Meeting

Minutes from July 8, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm.

Members present were Christine, Phil, Barry, Rui, Jean, and Karen.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved unanimously. Barry motioned and Rui seconded.

Kingston Agricultural Day will be September 12 from 4 – 7 p.m.

The band was contacted (Peter), Elaine Murphy was contacted and will come. Shorty's Ice cream had confirmed, but we just found out it was sold, so now not sure. Sue Napier will bring her rabbits and John Wheble will have an aquaculture display.

South Shore Equine Clinic will bring a display, as well as Janine Chuckeran with her baked goods, and Sybertz will bring a honey display. Tom Nava will bring his eggs, and Fred and Christine Nava will bring the hay wagon and a display.

We aren't sure about Beth Corbett and her goats, or Cretinons coming. Barry will contact. We also asked that they contact Dr. Russo's office about coming. Bog Hollow Farm will have a display table.

The Maribett's and their sheep are not confirmed yet, but Susan Ketchum and her Labradors will be there.

The Garden Club is setting up a booth to sell plants as a fund raiser.

Jean is checking on a letter that was sent to the Selectman about special police funding to help manage the event.

Barry will check on getting electricity from the church, and talk to Maribett's. Barry will also check with Pat Sointu w/her spinning, and Dorothy McFarland as to whether they are coming. Flowerland is on Barry's list also.

Phil is to talk to the owner of the old town hall about using the parking lot, and also Kingston Nursery.

Jean was going to contact Bill Napolitano about Semap.

Rui has a friend that has some antique farm equipment, and will ask him if he will bring some.

New Business – Barry would like to set up a guest lecture series during the fall and winter. Maybe have an aquaculture lecture, Phil do one on poinsettia's, with the Garden Club, etc. We will need to get this on the town web site and the Recreation newsletter to advertise the series. Barry will try to get this set up. Maybe called the Kingston Agriculture Commission Lecture Series.

Jean asked if we had read the new earth removal by-law proposal. It needs to go before the Selectmen. The Water Dept. hasn't responded as yet. Barry was not opposed to the majority of it.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 29, 2009, at 7p.m. Jean will get the room for us and have the clerk post the meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:10 by Rui, and seconded by Karen. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Johnson