

TOWN OF KINGSTON
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting held 02/27/08

Those present: Christine Nava, Rui Santos, Brad Colton, Phil Burnham, Jean Landis Naumann,

Meeting called to order by Chairman Nava at 7:05 pm.

A possible recipient for this year's AgCom award was discussed and selected by unanimous vote. The Town Moderator will have to be advised that we wish to award this at the Annual Town Meeting. We will ask Bill if he can prepare the award.

It is time to start planning for the Agricultural Fair. A date and coordinator will be discussed at the next meeting.

Rui presented the information he has obtained about requesting funds from the Frederick Adams trust fund. Funds must be used for an agricultural lecture and must be approved by the elementary school committee and the Selectmen. The current balance in the fund is about \$14,000. Rui will meet with the school superintendent to discuss this further.

Phil asked that we look into the aquaculture ideas being presented to farm oysters in Kingston Bay. Jean suggested that we invite someone from that group to come to one of our meetings to educate us on what they want to do.

Rui mentioned that the University of New Hampshire has developed a porous road surface that eliminates road runoff that damages agriculture. This surface does require periodic cleaning to remain porous.

Rui spoke about his presentation to the Selectmen on the issue of continuing with a winter icing mix of 50% salt and 50% sand. Jean advised the group that Bob Kostka (water commissioner) and Pine Dubois also made presentations and the previous decision was not reconsidered.

Minutes of the 11/14/07 meeting were approved.

Jean will send our approved minutes to the Town Clerk's office.

Christine will arrange a speaker for the next meeting to be held 3/19/08 at 7:00 PM. Jean will arrange a room and the posting of the meeting.

Jean mentioned that the Food Bank run by the South Shore Community Action Council is attempting to use as much local produce as possible and has some contracts with local growers. They are looking for more interested growers.

.Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Landis Naumann