

TOWN OF KINGSTON
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting held 03/08/07

Those present: Rui Santos, Beth Corbett, Bill Napolitano, , Brad Colton, Jean Landis Naumann

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by Vice-chairman Colton.

Jennifer Hicks and Kathy Messier of the Kingston Garden Club were also in attendance.

Mike Nash, market manager of the Carver and Middleboro farmers' markets provided the members with information on how to set up a farmers' market and the things to avoid. He provided the committee with copies of resource material. Irene Winkler, Pilgrim RC&D Coordinator, also provided information and suggestions.

While we already have permission to use the elementary school grounds, members thought we should also consider other locations with higher traffic or a more attractive setting. Brad will talk with Phil about using the grounds of the Hilltop Club while Jean will scope out Grays Beach. SLRHS could also be considered.

Special consideration must be given to the day we select for the market as we do not want to compete with other markets for the same vendors. Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday was suggested.

It was recommended that we have a special event or theme each market day to help attract customers.

Bill recommended that we considering forming subcommittees to handle details and it is clear we will need a market manager. Budget considerations such as insurance and other required licenses/certifications were discussed. Jennifer provided contact information for Food Stamps and WIC. The garden club members and Mike and Irene left after this discussion.

Members of the commission discussed the warrant articles on proposed zoning by law changes. Bill contacted Ms. Cole to discuss the details of her proposed changes and she is adamant that she wants to present the articles. Bill informed her that our group will oppose the warrant articles as written. There was discussion of whether or not Town Counsel will OK these articles. Jean will check with the town administrator.

Rui presented his findings on the long term effects of using salt on the roads. The use of Cape Cod berms would be helpful in mitigating the effects. The group agreed that we

need to discuss these issues with the highway superintendent. Perhaps Chapter 90 money could be used to create these berms.

Because of the work that needs to be done to set up a farmers' market for this summer, the members agreed that we will have to meet more frequently and find members for the subcommittee. The next meeting is scheduled for 3/22/07 beginning at 7:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Landis Naumann