

TOWN OF KINGSTON
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting held 03/22/07

Those present: Rui Santos, Beth Corbett, Bill Napolitano, Brad Colton, Jean Landis Naumann, Christine Nava, Barry Mathias

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

The proposed warrant article 45 and 46 were discussed. The board members voted to have Bill address this on Town Meeting floor and ask that the articles be tabled until the issues can be developed more fully.

There was discussion on how to notify interested individuals to be present at Town Meeting for discussion of these articles.

Bill mentioned that Minnesota has good examples of zoning as well as environmental and health regulations.

Discussion of the proposed farmers' market led to the following decisions: this year we will concentrate on having one event to celebrate Kingston's agriculture, in addition to farm vendors we can have information tables, animal exhibits, music, crafter demonstrations and horse drawn wagon rides. The date of Tuesday 8/21 was selected with hours 4:00PM to 8:00 PM at the elementary school. We will have to have bathroom facilities available. The group decided to limit this to Kingston farmers.

Bill believes Irene can help us with this project. Barry was selected to chair this event. Jean suggested he speak with the Town Administrator to cover all necessary issues such as permits, licenses, etc.

Bill mentioned that one of the new state officers for FFA is a Kingston resident. The group decided to ask the Town Moderator for permission to present a certificate of recognition to this individual at Town Meeting. Bill will get details and can help in preparing the certificate.

Rui spoke on the topic of the use of salt on the roads by the Highway Department. He discussed this with Pine Dubois and she is pursuing water samples to determine the level of salinity. The question of whether there are designated "No Salt" zones needs to be answered. Jean will follow up with the Town Administrator on his discussions with the Highway Department Director. Barry reported that he has people looking into a section of his bogs where the vines are dying.

Jean will obtain the final wording on the 3 warrant articles that address agriculture and the commission will meet on 4/5 at 7:00 PM to discuss and vote on these article.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Landis Naumann