

Agricultural Commission Meeting held on November 14, 2007 at 7:00 pm

Those in attendance: Christine Nava, Rui Santos, Brad Colton, Barry Mathias, Phil Burnham, Bill Napolitano, and Tom Nava

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

Brad Colton moved to accept the minutes from the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, Seconded by Christine Nava....Passed

#### RIGHT TO FARM BY-LAW:

Bill Napolitano passed out copies of the proposed Right to Farm By Law. The by law was read, explained, and discussed by the commission. Christine Nava has extra copies for Jean and anyone else who wishes to have one. Rui Santos made a motion to accept the proposed by law and pass it on to the town administrator in order for the by law to make the warrant for town meeting. The motion was seconded by Barry Mathias and passed unanimously. It was decided that Barry would deliver it to Kevin Donovan with a cover letter attached. Barry will email Christine Nava to confirm that this was done.

Tom Nava was a guest at tonight's meeting. He wants to start a farm stand/ Christmas tree farm on his property on Brookdale St. He came to the commission for some advice on how to get started. Bill Napolitano will get Tom some information and hook him up with the proper people that can advise him. Tom was told to start by meeting with the Town of Kingston's Conservation agent to determine where his wetlands are and to try to define a farming plan for his property. Bill told Tom that he would need to go through conservation to get a Resource Assessment on his land.

#### Road Salt:

Jean could not make this evening's meeting but sent a report regarding road salt in town. She has been talking to Kevin Donovan and Paul Basler about the use of salt on town roads and has let them both know that the Ag. Commission has concerns about the damage it causes to the environment. Paul Basler is gathering data regarding costs of using salt vs. salt/sand mixes and will report to the Selectmen on Tuesday, December 4, 2007. Barry Mathias will be there to represent the Ag. Commission. He has studies that were done on his property regarding the salt damage and will share his information and concerns at the meeting.

Things to think about for next meeting are this year's recipient of the Ag award to be presented at April's Town Meeting and next summer's Ag. Night. Bring your ideas with you on Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. Please mark this date down. Thank you.

Motion made by Barry Mathias and seconded by Brad Colton to adjourn at 8:15.