

## Agricultural Commission Meeting

Minutes for July 29, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm. Present were Christine, Barry, Phil, Jean, Rui, and Karen. William and Mary O'Brien attended as well as Bill Napolitano.

The minutes were approved from the last meeting.

William O'Brien is having a problem with the town over the keeping of his oxen, which have been on his property for 22 years. According to USDA standards he should have more land for them. He has 2 separate lots with a river in between. Therefore not enough land unless he moves them across the river. The barn is not there, it is on this side of the river. The farm has been called Applegate Farm for over a hundred years and been in their family. Bill is looking into if it will qualify for a generational farm permit, or if the oxen can be called "pets", even though he uses them publicly which is an agricultural use. This board will try to help in any way that it can.

### Ag Night

Beth Corbett will come, and Ron Maribett would like to come but needs a ride for his sheep and donkey. Dr. Russo not called yet, and Flowerland also not called yet. Cretinon's will do ag night. They and Nessralla's both do vegetables, maybe one should do flowers instead? Kingston Nursery no, town hall electricity no contact yet, Phil Walters also no contact yet. The Garden Club will participate, as well as Rui's

friend w/the old farm equipment. True Blue BBQ is coming as well as Shorty's Ice Cream.

We need to get permission to close Main Street to Green Street from Selectmen, and are looking for funding for a 4 hour police detail.

Christine will contact the local papers for coverage and Jean will call PAC-TV.

### Lecture Series

We are hoping Joe Seiberts will speak in October. Maybe Phil Burnham and the Garden Club the first Thursday in December for wreath decorating and poinsettia's. Aquaculture will be in January. Room 200 is available for the series.

We are hoping that Bill Napolitano will renew his paperwork to be a member of the commission again.

Motion to adjourn made by Rui, seconded Karen at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Johnson