

Oxford Agricultural Commission

Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2015

Call to Order: 7:10pm

Roll Call: Ed Gazy, Beth Williams, Robin Michalak, and Bob Owsiany

Audience of Citizens: None

Correspondence: None

Minutes Read: No revisions

Commissioner's Reports: Bob reported on the planned visit by Connecticut farm bureau and their program scheduled for the March meeting.

Old/Unfinished Business:

Oxford Green Space Farm Stand

- Permit application for the farm stand will be added to list of requests to be presented at a future Selectmen's meeting.
- Requested dates for the 2015 farm stand will be July 11-November 21.
- Additional vendors invited to the farm stand to include bakers.
- Voices article to be issued to search for additional vendors.

Children's Garden @ Great Oak School

Update on BOE meeting

- Discussed lack of BOE participation at the Agricultural committee meetings. Although asked if a representative could attend the Ag committee meetings, BOE representatives have yet to attend any meetings.

- 7k has been received from the Mathies and a separate \$42,500 is being applied for as a state grant

- Current garden plan will be updated and submitted along with a list of buildings, equipment, and quotes (as available) for review and action by the Selectmen.
- Water line plans and costs to be added to the requirements list presented to the Selectmen.

Old Time Fair

- Plans for the Fair to be discussed at a future Grange meeting

New Business:

1. The OAAC would like to look at the current agricultural regulations, ordinances and restrictions to see if anything has to be updated. Review will be conducted to develop a list of recommendations
2. Agricultural benefits such as building and property tax relief, property development rights and nuisance protection will be reviewed.

Upcoming Events

Next meeting will be March 17th

Adjournment: At 9:10 pm

Respectfully submitted
Robert Owsiany, Chairman

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TOWN CLERK
Ed Gazy