

# Oxford Agricultural Commission

Meeting Minutes – November 18, 2014

**Call to Order:** 7:00pm

**Roll Call:** Ed Belinsky, Beth Michalak, and Bob Owsiany

**Audience of Citizens:** None

**Correspondence:** None

**Minutes Read:** No revisions

**Commissioner's Reports:** Bob postponed his report until new and old business.

## **Old/Unfinished Business:**

### Oxford Green Space Farm Stand

-The last day was scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup>. Due to a DOT training exercise there was no space to setup and the farmer's market was canceled.

-A better location for 2015 market was discussed since there was a lot of moving around this year. This may increase customers and interest.

-Funding for signs will be pursued from possible town funds next year.

### Children's Garden @ Great Oak School

- Due to the misinformed information reported by the Voices, Bob contacted the reporter and editor and cleared up the misunderstanding. The latest article in the November 16<sup>th</sup> 2014 edition of the Voices was discussed.

- A meeting at the High School will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup> of the Board of Ed and the School Garden will be discussed. Ag Committee members are invited to explain the plans of the garden. Questions about incorporating the garden into the curriculum were asked by the BOE. The OAC would aid in the infrastructure and submit examples of possible curriculum ideas.

- Selectman Temple also called and expressed his support.

- The town applied for a grant for \$42,500 to fund the garden which is awaiting approval of BOE. It is unclear if money is allocated beyond the \$7,000 grant received from the Matties Foundation.

- The meeting between Bob and the Eastern Water Ass. was discussed and discovered 2 capped off fountains located near the tennis courts and would supply ample water to the garden. We are awaiting the quote Eastern Water for the water lines. Plans of the existing lines will be asked for to provide Eastern Water with a better idea of the work required.

- Sample prices for the raised beds were gathered by Bob. Beds 4'x4'x11-16" Plastic-\$400, Composite \$285 and Cedar \$250.

- Ed will look into supplying beds from Nonnewaug High

### Old Time Fair

Maggie Buck, director of the Oxford Grange, was contacted to see if the Grange was interested in running the fair with direction of the OAC. She will bring it up at the Grange meeting this month.

## **New Business:**

None

## **Upcoming Events**

Next meeting will be December 16<sup>th</sup>

**Adjournment:** At 8:15pm

Respectfully submitted by Ed Belinsky

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TOWN CLERK  
*Gregory A. West*