Oxford Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2018

Call to Order: 7:15pm

Roll Call: Ed Belinsky, Bob Owsiany, Lexi Gazy, Fred Rowland

Audience of Citizens: Pat Cocchiarella

Correspondence: None Minutes Read: No revisions Commissioner's Reports: None Old/Unfinished Business:

Children's Garden @ Great Oak School

Robin will be creating a schedule to aid the process at the garden. With the help of an intern, she will create the schedule and give it to the school system with dates of seeding and planting. Bob contacted the Park and Rec Department to coordinate the Boy Scout troop so they can continue clearing around the garden fence. Once this is done Bob will talk to the Public Works to add the area to their herbicide spraying cycle.

The small greenhouse that was ordered through the grant will need to be assembled in the next month or two.

Ag Fair: Put on hold Farmers Market

Bob sent in a request to add the market information to the Town Hall yard sign. He also spoke to Selectman Temple about a budget for advertising. Further investigation will be needed. Lexi asked about possible public relation contacts with the town and Bob will investigate.

Bob submitted the permit to the Selectman's meeting this coming Wednesday.

The location will be in the parking lot near the firehouse and the gazebo to avoid conflicts with the school system/Fire Department events.

The Market Masters meeting was cancelled and will be rescheduled.

New Business:

Survey and Public Relations

Bob spoke about creating a survey for local farmers to collect ideas of the forward direction of the OAAC. He is looking into web-based platform to build the survey.

Pat mentioned that a Facebook page might increase interest in local agriculture.

Upcoming Events

Next meeting will be March 12th

Adjournment: At 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Ed Belinsky

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