

Oxford Agricultural Commission

Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2015

Call to Order: 7:07pm

Roll Call: Ed Belinsky, Beth Michalak, and Bob Owsany

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

- Bob would like to ask for next year's permit at the next Selectman's meeting. A permanent location of the Farm Space will be discussed. Money for advertizing and signs will also be requested.
- A start date for 2015 has not yet been decided.
- In addition to produce, the OAC would like to expand the market to other vendors to increase customers.
- We will put a article in Voices to search for more vendors.

Children's Garden @ Great Oak School

Update on BOE meeting

- BOE requested that they send a representative to a OAC meetings to keep the lines of communication open
- Information regarding laws and zoning regulations of chickens on school property was asked for.
- Questions were answered in the subjects of location, resources, funding, and curriculum.
- The BOE members, after they received the information, will digested and act upon it at a later date.
- 7k has been received from the Matthies and a separate \$42,500 is being applied for as a state grant
- Current garden plan was reviewed
- The plans for locating the waterlines at Great Oak School will have to be found through the Town Clerks Office. Once it is acquired, a quote can be written for expansion to the garden and decisions for types of raised bed material can be made.

Old Time Fair

- Fair is set for the Spring in conjunction with the Oxford Grange
- A draft plan and activities will be given to the Grange so they can start organization for the event..

New Business:

1. The OAC would like to look at the current agricultural regulations, ordinances and restrictions to see if anything has to be updated.
2. Possible researching Ag benefits such as tax relief and property development rights.

Upcoming Events

Next meeting will be February 17th

Adjournment: At 8:04pm

Respectfully submitted by Ed Belinsky

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TOWN CLERK
Ed Belinsky