

## Sterling Agricultural Commission Meeting

December 4, 2017

Butterick Municipal Building. Room 201

Attending: Hannah Miller, David Grinkis, Michael Pineo, Robert Nickerson

### Minutes

Call To Order @ 7:30 PM

Minutes from August 7, 2017 approved with spelling corrections

Minutes from October 2, 2017 approved – Motion, Pineo; Second, Grinkas

Central Mass Grown membership for Sterling Agricultural Commission is due for 2018. Motion to pay dues for 2018, Pineo; Second, Grinkas Motion approved

There is a request from Board of Selectmen to provide a long range plan for the Agricultural Commission. Suggested planning areas from AgCom members as follows:

- Educate Realtors on RTF responsibilities
- Maintain a web presence
- Develop a farmer's education program
- Educate other town Boards and Commissions on Ag Complaint Resolution Process

A Farmer's Round Table was discussed for a spring program. Suggested panelists might be as follows:

- Diversification and Farm to Table (Chandler)
- GMO (Broderick)
- APR in Sterling

Suggestion was to ask if Phinney wanted to run with this enlisting Pete Westover

2018 Sterling Fair Display discussion was around developing a new visual for "What is agriculture in Sterling". We will develop a list of Ag in Sterling at the next meeting.

There was a motion to fund the Face of the Farmer program website expenses. Motion was made to fund the program not to exceed \$350. Motion was seconded and approved by all.

There was a request to add an agenda item for the next meeting to discuss MGL Chapter 40, 8L recently passed in the state legislature.

Next meeting date January 8, 2018.

Adjourned @ 9:20