

Ag Com 6/2/14

Begin at 8 pm. Susan Phinney, Bob Nickerson, Mike Pineo, Ann Starbard

Ag Com April Minutes. Accept report as amended Bob N.. 1st, S. Phinney 2nd

No correspondence,

FM up and running. Going well, live music sponsored by businesses. 13 vendors- need to be kept a farmers markets, not a craft fair. discussion happening with Winter market. working with light dept. to get Electricity to be put on green in front of Butterick Building.

Reorganize commission - Phinney move to have Bob. N. as Chair, and Ann 2nd Ann 1st that Phinney be Vice Chair - Bob N. 2nd unanimous Need new members. Possible candidates - commission needs to have majority actively involved in agriculture. How to find new members.

MAAC Grant - Society for promotion of Mass. Ag. is giving \$500 grants to Ag com. Is there anything that we can do for this? There isn't a project that we are looking to have funded.

2014 farm tour/festival . Phinney reports that farm tour is not being pursued at this time. FM Festival still planned for July 25.

Sterling Fair - no information about what the Fair is doing. Doug Downy- is the chair. Need to meet with select board. Theme is Tractor. Have to work on this. maybe look at the historical perspective.

Phinney brought info about Central Mass. Regional Planning Council survey. Did survey in 11 towns(rural 11). Trish Settles - want to do more with agriculture. Wanting to get more people involved with the survey. Worcester Co. organize more with agriculture. Buy Local ongoing discussion.

Worc. Co. Ag Com. meeting May 14 held in Holden. A good meeting.

8:55 pm. adjourn. PHinney 1st, Bob 2nd.

Submitted,  
Clerk Ann Starbard