

Sterling Agricultural Commission
Minutes
February 04, 2013

Attendance: Mike Pineo, Bob Nickerson, Bob Smiley, Blue Favreau, Susan Phinney, David Grinkis, Ann Starbard

7:35 Call to order

Approve minutes of 2012 meetings:

April - Motion B. Smiley, Second B. Nickerson, unanimous

May 7 - Motion, B. Smiley, Second D. Grinkis, unanimous

June 4 - Motion B. Nickerson, Second A. Starbard, unanimous

Dec. 3 - Motion B. Smiley, Second B. Nickerson, unanimous

Mass. Association of Agricultural Commissions (MAAC). Annual meeting March 2, 2013 at Sturbridge Host Hotel. M. Pineo has information or go to MAAC website.

B. Favreau announced her resignation as secretary. She will return next year. Motion to reluctantly accept her resignation B. Nickerson, Second - A. Starbard, unanimous.

A. Starbard agreed to take role of secretary for one year! Motion - B. Smiley, Second - B. Nickerson, unanimous.

Annual Report - B. Nickerson. Brief discussion with sentences added about the Sterling Farmers Market and the annual disclosure notification. Approved with motion - B. Nickerson, Second - D. Grinkis, unanimous.

Faces of the Farmer Project - Public showing of the project on Saturday, Feb. 23 7 pm at St. Richards Church. Vote to endorse Faces of the Farmer Project, Motion - D. Grinkis, Second - B. Smiley, unanimous.

S. Phinney - The Land Access Project, supported by Land for Good. Website - www.newenglandfarmlandfinder.org. Suggestion - Ag Com continue momentum of the Faces of the Farmer project with a Sterling Farm Tour in 2013. Discussion with possibility of planning a tour for June 2013. A. Starbard will assist looking into this.

D. Grinkis will notify Sterling Meetinghouse News of Annual Disclosure Notification.

B. Nickerson - Ch. 61 A requirements for Tax Schedules with Application this year. M. Pineo will invite member of Accessors Board to our next meeting to discuss.

9:05 Adjourn