

## **Sterling Ag Com Meeting Monday November 4, 2013**

Call to order 7:34

Present: Mike Pineo, Dave Grinkis, Bob Nickerson,, Ann Starbard, Susan Phinney.  
Visiting from Sterling Ag Day group - Richard Gibbons

Correspondence/Communication:

1. Budget \$750 to spend NO Bill submitted yet for FY 14
2. Charged for temporary electrical set up \$50. Approve paying interdepartmental transfer of \$50 for payment. Ann S. 1st, Bob N. 2nd. Motion approved.

Bob. N. 1st. Dave G. 2nd motion to approve minutes of June 3

Old Business:

Farmers Market festival - rain delay....event successful!

Farm Tour - Meeting post tour/festival - discussion about what to do next. Ideas on doing event again 2014, possibly doing 2 events next year and maybe something in the winter. Possible connection with Sterling Historical Society didn't go any where at this time.

FM Festival and Farm tour could have been more successful - more lead time with farm tour to work with farmers, etc.

S. Phinney - Ag event in January? Dave Chandler interested in doing some kind of event during the winter. Possibly hosting a winter farmers market, S. Phinney will talk with Dave and bring to December meeting. Short discussion about Bob N. and Lisa Perry continuing with historical perspective.

Add agricultural theme to events already happening in town, like Memorial Day parade. Discussion about introducing agriculture without offending those hosting the event. heritage - possible joint effort.

Study in Concord - conducted in Concord to study agriculture businesses in town. Can we learn anything from this report and relate to agriculture in Sterling?

Sterling Fair Report - Fair best weather - highest sales of buttons, carnival, etc. Largest single event in town. Changes coming to the fair.

New Business:

Discussion on Chapter 61 lands. Hay leading crop for all time of Sterling.

Motion to adjourn. 8:50 pm 1st Dave G., 2nd Bob N. Motion approved