

June 1, 2015 Meeting called to order at 7:40 pm.

Present - Bob Nickerson, Chair; Mike Pineo, Susan Phinney, Jenn Janowicz, and Ann Starbard, Clerk.

April minutes approved, M. Pineo made motion, S. Phinney 2nd all in favor.

Review of Calendar: Next meeting - Discussed having a meeting in July. M. Pineo made motion for no July meeting, J. Janowicz 2nd all in favor. OK for August meeting - need to finish exhibit for Sterling Fair. B. Nickerson suggest we share inventory information for fair exhibit via email as many of various parts/ supplies for the display. Suggestion to form a fair subcommittee - B. Nickerson, S. Phinney and J. Janowicz. The fair is Sept. 11-13.

Feedback from Ch. 61 seminar - Good attendance and feedback. Speaker Brad Mitchell didn't stay on subject long enough. Other information was good. Plan for a seminar in 2016 during a winter month - February or March. Suggestions -- working with BOH, be specific with the subject. Look at this and make a decision in October meeting.

2015 Farm event morphed into something with the Sterling Farmers Market. Highlight a farm a month - perhaps publicize in Landmark, Sterling Meetinghouse News, and other publications to make something more public than just market highlight.

Ideas for topic to work on --- S. Phinney asked how the Ag Com can reach out to town residents and other Mass. Ag Com's; Tasks of Ag Com, including Right to Farm bylaw; Bullet list for fair display; How to reach customers; Reach children; Create garden by new Senior Center next to school.

Reorganization of positions -- Bob Nickerson - Chair; Jenn Janowicz - Vice Chair; Susan Phinney - Clerk, A. Starbard made motion, M. Pineo 2nd . all in favor. A. Starbard may become an alternate. A. Starbard called Bill Gauld about joining commission. A. Starbard will let Jeanne know about position change.

S. Phinney thanked A. Starbard for her work with Sterling Ag Com and Worcester County Ag Com group.

MAAC sponsoring Ag Com Bootcamp in Whately - Wed. June 24 6-8 pm. Frank DeLuna and Brad Mitchell presenting. Phinney suggested it be taped and posted. This is a good training tool.

8:45 pm - S. Phinney made motion to adjourn, M. Pineo 2nd all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Starbard, clerk