

## Sterling Agricultural Commission Meeting

February 5, 2018

Butterick Building, Room 201

Attending: Bob Nickerson, Susan Phinney, Mike Pineo, Hannah Miller and Dave Grinkis

### Minutes

Call to Order @ 7:35PM

Approve December 2017 Minutes

Review of calendar☐-

Annual Notice: Right To Farm By-Law – Tabled until future of Meeting House News is resolved. Mike to call and get update.

Review of Town website- SAC page – Tabled until administrator of site is clarified

Old Business☐

Farmers Market Update – No update: Dawn Harnett did not attend.

No correspondence was received

Spring 2018 Speaker Event entitled: Today's agriculture in Sterling: Agreed Ag Com will plan a round-table discussion for late April. Topics presented by farmers in Town could include: IPM/Organic farming, Ag Tourism; actively farmed and permanently preserved farmland; beginning farmer's future.

2018 Fair – Tabled to April meeting

MGL Ch 40 Section 8L Discussion – Propose Ag Com By-Law change? – Tabled until fall meeting to decide if want to propose a by-law change at a Special Meeting or at the 2019 Town Meeting

RTF sign placement inventory tabled until April meeting

New Business

Review of future agenda items

- MGL Ch 40
- Sterling Fair display design. Tabled until April
- Annual Notice:
- Right To Farm By-Law
- Town website Ag Com page. Bob N to work this
- Farmers Market Update

Westminster Ag Com meeting 2/9 – Farming without Borders

Next Meeting Date – April 2

Motion to Adjourn by Susan Phinney and seconded by Mike Pineo. Adjourned at 8:55PM