

Sterling Agricultural Commission Meeting
November 7, 2018
Butterick Building, Room 205

Attending: Bob Nickerson, Mike Pineo, S. Phinney, Diane Melone and Dave Grinkis

Minutes

Call to Order @ 7:45 PM

October minutes approved as written

Calendar items coming up include Annual Report – Jan, Right to Farm notice – Feb.

Old Business

Farmers Market Update – The last day for 2018 market was Oct 19 with 3 vendors. Next year there will be an increase in egg promotion and the market will only consist of value added vendors.

Correspondence included Central Mass Grown membership. There was a motion and second to continue membership for 2019. Discussion indicated a desire to take a 1/8 page ad for the Farmers Market using the town seal in the ad copy. The motion was passed.

A spring event was discussed to be held in early May with a Face of the Farmer subject line. Hannah has added several new farmers to the project including an Apiary on Chase Hill and Maple Brook Farmstead with goats and chickens. Phinney to contact Hanah regarding the event.

New Business

Review of future agenda items

There was a discussion on integrating with other town Boards including Assessors, Board of Health, Animal Control (ACO and Inspector).

Next Meeting Date – January 24, 7:30 PM This is a Thursday. Also there was a quick discussion of the start time and it was agreed that we should move back to the 7:30 start as members needed the extra time.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 PM