

Sterling Agricultural Commission Meeting
November 2, 2015
Butterick Building, Room 205

Attending: Diane Malone, Jennifer Janowicz, Susan Phinney, Bob Nickerson, Mike Pineo, and Dave Grinkis

Minutes

Call to Order @ 7:30PM

Roll Call

No Minutes to approve, October meeting did not have a quorum.

Review of Calendar:

- Budget request reviewed
- Annual Report submission discussion

Old Business:

- Sterling Fair contest winner was contacted
- Farmers Market Update – Market moved to First Church until December 18.
- Discussion of how to reach out to Mass Agricultural Customers and commissions – to be continued at the December meeting
- Follow-on discussion of March Seminar - to be continued at the December meeting
- Further discussion of greenhouse project and selection of subcommittee to generate proposal and plan - to be continued at the December meeting to form a subcommittee

New Business:

- Request from HSUS RE: Initiative to promote responsible farming in Massachusetts –Ag Commission is supportive of the MA Farm Bureau bill HB17 in this current legislative session. Motion by Dave Ginkis to support Bill HB17, seconded by Mike Pineo.
- Correspondence from Sterling Board of Health – Received a complaint about a farm from Board of Health. A group of members will convene to investigate the complaint.

Motion to adjourn made by Susan Phinney and seconded by Dave Grinkis.

Adjourn at 9:06PM