

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