

Town of Boscawen
Agricultural Commission
Meeting Minutes – Draft
Boscawen Municipal Complex
May 10, 2018 7:00 pm

1 Members Present: John Keegan – Chair, Bill Bevans, Josh Marshall, Tina Larochelle
2 Members Absent: John Porter, Rusty Colby
3 Others Present: Linda Chandonnet – Recording Secretary, Alan Hardy –Co-Administrator

4 Chairman Keegan called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

5 Roll call made by Chair Keegan.

6 **Review and Acceptance of prior meeting's minutes:**

7 Chair Keegan asked if anyone had any changes to the previous minutes from 01/11/2018. The
8 following changes were made: Line 35 – Change to municipality. Line 53 – kinds of structure,
9 Line 59 - Insert comma after charge, Line 61 – Insert; For example, we. Line 139 – town's
10 meeting, Line 153 - last months. Lines 104-112 – delete paragraph.

11 **Motion made to accept the January minutes as amended by Ms. Larochelle and seconded by**
12 **Mr. Marshall. All in favor, none opposed.**

13 Accountant Report was reviewed by the board and had no comments.

14 **Motion made to accept the January Accountant Report by Ms. Larochelle and seconded by**
15 **Mr. Marshall. All in favor, none opposed.**

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17 Mr. Marshall shared information with the board that he, John Porter and Tom Giovagnoli took part
18 in today's Merrimack County "School to Farm Day" by the N.H. Department of Agriculture,
19 Markets & Food at Carter Hill Orchard. Included were 11 schools from the surrounding area and
20 11 stations featuring different types of agricultural for students to visit and learn about. Attendance
21 was great and everyone had a wonderful time.

22 **Action Plan:**

- 23 • Mr. Hardy asked Mr. Marshall if he does write about this event that it may be a great story
24 to put on our website and in the Concord Monitor. Alan knows Leah Williamson, a *Monitor*
25 reporter.

26 **Land Use Happenings:**

27 Chair Keegan brought up Tom Giovagnoli and tax reduction and on each of the following;

- 28 • Photo-Voltaic Solar: Tom Giovagnoli may have solar panels installed
29 • PILOT- payment in lieu of taxes for nonprofits: AgComm to review further.
30 • TIFF for new agricultural construction in Agricultural zoned land: AgComm to review
31 further

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Current Use, perhaps RSA 79-F – tax relief for land under farm structures: Alan and Kellee to review.

Action Plan:

- Mr. Hardy will reach out to Karl Johnson from Pete & Jerry's as he will be a good person to have talk at the next meeting.
- Mr. Hardy mentioned he will be meeting with Matt Monahan Central N.H. Planner on May 17th at 3:00pm and invited Commissioners to attend.

Old Business:

The Rack Cards could use an update. Visitation plan (See below) to inquire with current distributors if anyone needs more cards. Also identify new distributors.

Action Plan:

- Mr. Marshall is able to update and change the colors and background of the cards if needed.
- Chair Keegan will reach out to Ann LaCroix and see if Blue Seal be a distributor.
- Mr. Hardy will reach out to Avoloch at 16 Hardy Lane.
- Ms. Larochelle will contact Pam Goodrich at 216 Water Street.
- If everyone could also revisit the current places where the rack cards are and check if they need more as well as reach out to potential new sites.

The Community Garden has more garden plots in use this year than in previous years. Jeff Abbe has been doing a great job getting word out as well as maintaining it and it looks very nice. Compost has been delivered from Lewis Farm and Tom Giovagnoli will deliver a load of chicken manure soon.

Chair Keegan mentioned that it would be nice if the Town can do something in memory of Ken Marshall. One possibility is having the Community Garden named after him and display one of his antique tractors at the Community Garden. The board asked Mr. Marshall to 'float' the idea with his family.

Action Plan:

- Mr. Marshall will ask his family if they agree with having the garden named after Ken Marshall as well as having one of the antique tractors on the Community Gardens.
- Mr. Hardy will talk to the Selectmen about possible liability issues related to having an antique tractor at the Community Garden in memory of Ken Marshall.

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Boscawen Old Home Day Plans with Adele Sanborn.

Action Plan:

- Chair Keegan will contact Adele Sanborn about any updates.

Other Business:

The next meeting of the AG Commission will be held on Thursday, June 14, 2018.

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Larochelle and seconded by Mr. Marshall. All in favor, none opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda Chandonnet