

Town of Boscawen
Agricultural Commission
Meeting Minutes – Draft
Boscawen Municipal Complex – 4th Floor Meeting Room
May 11, 2017 at 7pm

1 **Members Present:** John Keegan – Chair, Bill Bevans, Josh Marshall

2 **Members Absent:** Elaine Clow – Vice-Chair, Tina Larochelle, Angela Swyers, Roger Sanborn

3 **Alternate Members Present:** John Porter

4 **Alternate Members Absent:** Ken Marshall

5 **Others Present:** Jeff Abbe – Garden Committee Member

6 Chairman Keegan called the meeting to order at 7:04pm and named John Porter a voting member
7 for the meeting.

8 Roll Call made by Chairman Keegan.

9 **Review and Acceptance of Prior Meeting Minutes:**

10 The Commission reviewed meeting minutes from the April 13, 2017 meeting.

11 **Motion made by Bill Bevans and seconded by Josh Marshall to accept the minutes from the**
12 **April meeting as written. All in favor.**

13 **Accountant's Report:**

14 The Commission reviewed the Treasurer's Report from January 1st thru May 9, 2017. There has
15 been \$1,867.58 spent from the Community Garden budget line. Garden plot fees totaled \$550.

16 **Motion made by Josh Marshall and seconded by Bill Bevans to accept the Accountant's**
17 **Report. All in favor.**

18 **Community Garden Updates – Jeff Abbe:**

19 Jeff Abbe spoke with Mike Valinski about arranging to move the garden shed base to the
20 Community Garden. Mr. Valinski's plan is to do the finish the build Memorial Day weekend.
21 The gravel base is set and ready for the shed onsite. Transport options are still in the works. Jeff
22 will check with National Lumber for assistance. If that is not fruitful, John Keegan will ask Tom
23 Giovagnoli for assistance.

24 Jeff was able to secure a six foot door from Big Jim's – which is bigger than he originally
25 anticipated. Mike Valinski has the rough opening measurements to accommodate the new door.

26 Jeff said the garden is filling up. He expects a full garden this year. A lot of last year's gardeners
27 are taking their plots back. A few have asked for different plots.

28 Jeff would like permission from the Agricultural Commission to grow pumpkins to donate to the
29 Boscawen Elementary School and the Audubon Society. No one objected.

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65	Alan's Restaurant	Richardson's Ice Cream	Buster's Service Ctr
66	Bradley's Pizza	Avaloch Farm	
67	The Barn Store	National Lumber	
68	Black Forest Nursery	Kiosk at the Garden	
69	The Smoke Shack	Cumberland Farms (?)	
70	Bittersweet Fabrics	Dunkin Donuts (?)	
71	Marshall's Firearms	Riverside Veterinary	
72	Marshall's Florist	Blackwater Veterinary	
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74 The corporate entities may be harder to entice to participate based on Josh and John Porter's
75 history. Josh asked that a reminder be sent out to Commissioners and staff to get him the
76 information for all the farmers as soon as possible.

77 Two packages of ten plastic holders should be enough. Commissioners anticipate that the rack
78 card will give the Agricultural Commission a presence in the community.

79 **Other:**

80 Chairman Keegan asked the Commission what else they could do this year. John Porter thought
81 it was great that we had a project going with the rack card and garden shed.

82 Angela Swyers term will be ending at the end of June and she doesn't wish to renew.

83 John Porter asked if Jeff Abbe would be a potential Commissioner. Chairman Keegan said he is
84 part of the Conservation Commission and as far as he knows the Selectmen are reluctant to have
85 someone on more than one board, committee, or commission. He has been comfortable
86 volunteering his time at the garden.

87 **Motion to adjourn made by John Porter and seconded by Joshua Marshall. All in favor.**

88 The meeting adjourned at 8pm.

89 Next meeting of the Commission will be June 8, 2017 at 7:00pm.

90 *Minutes respectfully submitted by Katie Phelps*