



Minutes
Pomfret Agricultural Commission
Thursday, January 17, 2013
Pomfret Senior Center
7:00 pm



Present: Ag Commission members: Ellsworth Chase, John Wolchesky, James Rowley, James Labbe, Others in Attendance: Non-noted.

I. Open Regular Meeting — Ellsworth Chase called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

- a. **Approve Minutes, Meeting of November 15, 2012** — James Rowley moved to approve minutes as presented. John Wolchesky seconded. All in favor.

II. Current Business

- a. **Pomfret Grown Brochure** — brief update on usage over the past month was discussed. Usage at existing locations is consistent.
- b. **POCD (Plan of Conservation and Development)** — Ag Commission is on the agenda for the 1/28 P&Z Meeting for follow up discussion on the Ag Commission's draft document that provides expanded language regarding agriculture. All Ag members are encouraged to attend the 1/28 P&Z meeting.
- c. **Pomfret Ag sponsored event** — discussed the planning for a spring time education event to promote Pomfret Agriculture. Various ideas were identified:
- Workshop approach with presentations and/or demonstrations
 - *Wool production*
 - *Goat products – soap, cheese...*
 - *Wood processing, maple syrup processing — Bill Hull*
 - *Tree pruning — John Wolchesky*
 - *Timber harvesting*
 - Location to host the event
 - *Audubon*
 - *4-H Camp in Pomfret*
 - *Tyrone Farm*
 - *Big Boy's*

Concerns were raised regarding how many will attend, how to advertise, what to include and scheduling.

Prime hosting locations were Audubon and 4-H. E. Chase will contact both to review options.

Also, the concept of grouping this event with another event (Audubon program...) was discussed as possibly helping attendance.

- d. **Mapping Data** — no update.
- e. **Membership & Attendance** — no update.
- f. **Guest speakers** — no update.

III. New Business

- a. **Participation in other events** — discussed the upcoming AGvocate Commission Conference to be held at Eastconn in Hampton, CT on Saturday, 2/23, 9:00am – 3:00pm. A good event. Ellsworth Chase attended first conference last year is found it to be very useful.

IV. Other Business

- a. None noted.

- V. **Adjournment** — James Labbe moved to adjourn. Seconded by John Wolchesky. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Next Meeting is scheduled for 02/21, 7:00 PM at the Pomfret Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellsworth Chase
Acting Secretary