



Minutes
Pomfret Agricultural Commission
Thursday, October 18, 2012
Pomfret Senior Center
7:00 pm



Present: Ag Commission members: Ellsworth Chase, John Wolchesky, James Rowley, James Labbe. Others in Attendance: None noted.

I. Open Regular Meeting — Ellsworth Chase called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

- a. **Approve Minutes, Meeting of September 20, 2012** — John Wolchesky moved to approve minutes as presented. James Labbe seconded. All in favor.
- b. **Items to be added to agenda** — None.

II. Current Business

- a. **Pomfret Grown Brochure** — usage and results over the past month were discussed. Copies (~40) were restocked at the Vanilla Bean and Pomfret Post Office (06258). These two locations have both local and out of town traffic with copies being consumed at a consistent pace. Going forward, copies will continue to be available at the Vanilla Bean, Pomfret PO and the Town Hall. Additionally, Sweet Evalina's Stand in Woodstock will be considered.
- b. **Positively Pomfret Day** — members felt the event was a success although traffic was somewhat light. Visitors liked the AG Tent and Display and many were pleased that the Ag Commission participated. The free apples provided by Lapsley Orchard were a hit.

It was noted that the Ag Commission will likely participate in the event next year.

- c. **POCD (Plan of Conservation and Development)** — Ellsworth Chase distributed a Initial draft document containing language to be presented to the POCD sub-committee for consideration.

III. New Business

- a. **Meeting Schedule** — The Ag Commission meeting schedule was discussed for the upcoming year. James Labbe made a motion that the schedule for 2013 continue with monthly meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month from January through May. Prior to May, a Summer Schedule will be discussed. James Rowley seconded. All in favor.

- b. Membership & Attendance** — since the initial meetings, attendance has dropped off to only 4-5 core members. It was noted and realized that summer and early fall months are very busy for most members who are engaged in agriculture operation. Also, membership and interest from the larger community will be discussed in regards to increasing interest in Commission meetings and activities.
- c. Guest speakers** — having a guest speaker at some meetings was discussed as a good next action. Inviting a speaker from a neighboring Ag Commission is a priority to help develop programs. Also, it was noted that Pomfret Ag Commission members consider attending other town Ag Commission meetings for education and exchange.

IV. Other Business

- a. None noted.**

- V. Adjournment** — meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. Next Meeting is scheduled for 11/15, 7:00 PM at the Pomfret Senior Center

Respectfully submitted,

Ellsworth Chase
Acting Secretary