



Minutes
Pomfret Agricultural Commission
Thursday, April 26, 2012
Pomfret Community School Library
7 pm

***Present:** AgCom members: Ellsworth Chase, Jim Rowley, John A. Wolchesky, and Linda Rich. Guests: Stephanie Austin, John M. Wolchesky, John Casey, Peter Mann and Jennifer Kaufman (AGvocate).*

1. **Welcome/Introductions-** New Agriculture Commission members and guests were welcomed. Ag Com members appointed by the Board of Selectmen are as follows: Regular Members: John A. Wolchesky, James Rowley, James Labbe, Ellsworth Chase, and Linda Rich. Alternates: James Ellsworth.
2. **Review of March Minutes-**JA Wolchesky motioned to accept the March meeting minutes. Linda Rich seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **New Business**
 - a. **Agricultural Commission Members-** Peter Mann stated that there the BOS needed to appoint two more minority representatives, which would be either independents or democrats. The group will identify relevant members and will have them contact the BOS.
 - b. **Election of Officers:** After discussion the following members were nominated: Ellsworth Chase, Chair; John A. Wolchesky, Vice Chair; Linda Rich, Secretary. Members were voted in for respective positions unanimously.
 - c. **Meeting Schedule-** Members agreed that the Third Thursdays of each month at the Senior Center would be best. Jennifer will check in with Bonnie and schedule the meetings through 2012.
 - d. **Plan of Conservation and Development-** Jennifer will circulate Lebanon's POCD (Ag Section) to the group for them to review. Ellsworth Chase will review with Walter Hinchman.
 - e. **Pomfret Grown Brochure-**Ellsworth Chase is working on this. Jennifer will get some prices from printers and designers.
 - f. **Pomfret Farmers Market-**After discussion, it was agreed that to determine if there should be a Pomfret Farmers Market, some sort of Market Analysis would need to be completed. This will be something for the AgCom to consider in the future.
 - g. **Zoning-** Jennifer will compile information regarding farm-friendly zoning regulations. This will also be something for the committee to consider in the future.
4. **Other**
 - a. **Brooklyn Fair-** Members discussed having a booth at the Brooklyn Fair. Jennifer mentioned that she was coordinating with Brooklyn, Woodstock and Celebrating Ag to have a display.
5. **Future Agenda Items**
 - a. Pomfret Grown Brochure
 - b. POCD
 - c. Education and outreach
 - d. Zoning
6. **Adjourn-** meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm—Next Meeting is scheduled for 5/17