



**Minutes**  
**Pomfret Agricultural Commission**  
**Thursday, November 15, 2012**  
**Pomfret Senior Center**  
**7:00 pm**



**Present:** Ag Commission members: Ellsworth Chase, John Wolchesky, James Rowley, James Labbe, Jim Ellsworth. Others in Attendance: Deb Ellsworth.

**I. Open Regular Meeting** — Ellsworth Chase called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

- a. **Approve Minutes, Meeting of October 18, 2012** — James Labbe 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. Copies are routinely stocked 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. Some trial copies will be placed at Sweet Evalina's Stand in Woodstock.
- b. **POCD (Plan of Conservation and Development)** — Ellsworth Chase attended the P&Z Meeting on October 22 and presented the Ag Commission's draft document that provides expanded language regarding agriculture. P&Z is in the review process.
- c. **Meeting Schedule** — The Ag Commission meeting schedule for 2013 will continue on the same schedule as 2012 and will be posted to the web site. As the summer season begins consideration for a schedule modification will be made.
- d. **Membership & Attendance** — discussion continued regarding core membership participation as well as expanded attendance and participation by others. Some initial discussion regarding an education event to be held in the spring.
- e. **Guest speakers** — having a guest speaker at some meetings will continue to be part of the program plan. Inviting a speaker from a neighboring Ag Commission is a priority to help develop programs.

**III. New Business**

- a. **Participation in other events** — discussed the upcoming AGvocate Workshop at the Canterbury Community Center on Thursday, November 29, 6:30 – 9:00 pm. Most in attendance were interested in attending, a reminder will be sent to all.

#### **IV. Other Business**

- a.** John Guskowski is the newly appointed AGvocate Program Director replacing Jennifer Kaufman. John has been with the program since the beginning. His contact information was forwarded in email.

#### **V. Adjournment** — James Rowley moved to adjourn. Seconded by James Labbe. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Next Meeting is scheduled for 12/20, 7:00 PM at the Pomfret Senior Center.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Ellsworth Chase**  
**Acting Secretary**