



**Minutes
Pomfret Agricultural Commission
Thursday, May 17, 2012
Pomfret Senior Center
7:00 pm**



Present: Ag Commission members: Ellsworth Chase, John A. Wolchesky, Linda Rich, James Labbe.
Guests: Peter Mann, Robert Ellsworth, Stefanie Austin and Jennifer Kaufman (AGvocate).

1. **Open Meeting** – Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Jennifer Kaufman
2. **Review of Minutes** – J.A Wolchesky motioned to accept the April meeting minutes. Linda Rich seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **New Business**
 - a. **Agricultural Commission Members** - Additional alternates need to be appointed, should be Democrat, Independent, minority or Ag student. Candidates will be identified and Selectman will appoint.
 - b. **Meeting Schedule** - Members agreed that the Third Thursday of each month at the Senior Center would be best. Ellsworth Chase will submit a list of meeting dates for the remainder of 2012 to be posted to the Town Web site.
 - c. **Plan of Conservation and Development** - Ellsworth Chase met with Walter Hinchman regarding approach and engagement for Ag input to commissions. Ag Commission should provide input by the Sep/Oct time frame. A map of town all Pomfret Agricultural is needed.
 - d. **Pomfret Grown Brochure** – Discussed how to best showcase our Agricultural offerings. Ellsworth Chase to coordinate narrative overview, list of farmers, growers... and select pictures. There is funding for brochure at this time and inputs are needed in early July.
 - e. **Positively Pomfret Day** – After discussion members agreed that participation in this event would be most appropriate. Ellsworth Chase will meet with Barbara Gagnon, Rec. Director, regarding next steps.
 - f. **WINY Radio Talks** – Group discussed participating in talks on WINY radio. More follow up is needed.
4. **Other**
 - a. None noted.
5. **Future Agenda Items**
 - a. Pomfret Grown Brochure
 - b. POCD
 - c. Positively Pomfret Day
 - d. Upcoming Fairs (Brooklyn, Woodstock...)
 - e. Education and outreach

f. Zoning

6. **Adjourn-** meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm—Next Meeting is scheduled for 6/21, 7:00 PM at the Pomfret Senior Center

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Rich, Secretary