

Minutes

~~Agenda~~ Pomfret Agricultural Commission Thursday, Sept. 17, 2015 Pomfret Senior Center 7:00 pm

I. Regular Meeting

A. Open Regular Meeting / Roll Call

In attendance: Bill, Tina, John, Ellie, James and Jim

B. Approval of Minutes of Aug 20 2015

Minutes for 8/20/15 were approved

C. Citizen Participation and Conversation

No citizens present

II. Current Business

A. Read thru of Pomfret Ag. Commission Charge

A contentious discussion regarding moving forward on future action items with caution as to cause no harm to current farms in town was held. The conclusion of the conversation was that our current practice of discussing possible implications of all of our potential events is sufficient.

B. Pomfret Farmer's Market summary and suggestions: The possibility of holding 3 farmer's markets was discussed for next year. Jim is going to look at a calendar and make some suggestions for next meeting. It was agreed that we should try to pick dates that do not conflict with other events in the area. It was mentioned that it may be good to have at least one of these markets in the fall.

C. Farm to Plate: The farm to plate discussion has been put on hold for now and this item should be removed from future agendas.

D. Pomfret Grown Brochure: Editing of the Pomfret Grown Brochure was discussed. The possibility of having it printed by the town was mentioned. Ellie is going to send the PDF to James Rowley who will follow up with Maureen to have a sample printed. Once we have a sample we can decide if it is better to have it printed by the Town or if a more professional version will be needed.

E. Plan of Conservation and Development: No update.

F. Farmer's Market Grant Application: The possibility of a Farmer's Market Grant has been put on hold for now and this item should be removed from future agendas.

G. 15th Celebrating Agriculture September 26th, 2015 at 9 am to 3 pm at the Woodstock Fairgrounds. Adam will be there as a vendor. The agriculture commission banner will be at Positively Pomfret Day.

H. Positively Pomfret Day final detail discussion: Members of the commission will build the hay maze and be present to recruit potential agriculture commission members.

III. New Business

A. Upcoming Workshops (Canning & Preserves): Discussed as a possible event for Spring of 2016.

B. Education and Outreach (Pomfret Community School): Discussed

IV. Other Business

A. Future Agenda Items (Tax Exempt for Farm buildings) aka POCD Bill said he would send an email to Maureen to see if we can get something going with the tax exemption for farm buildings.

B. Meeting Date Oct 15th

C. General Discussion

V. Citizen Comments

VI. Adjournment

Meeting Minutes Accepted Oct 15 2015
Respectfully Submitted

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Secretary Pomfret Agricultural Commission