

Town of Lunenburg

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AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION June 8, 2017 Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Posted: Yes
Place: The Ritter Building
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Present: J. Mendoza, D. MacMillan, R. Traikimas, M. Dupuis

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Chairman Mendoza. The minutes of the April meeting were read and citing no errors or omissions, D. Macmillan motioned to approve the minutes, R. Traikimas seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

During Public Comment, Miss Jillian Philbrick, resident at 234 Chase Road, came to the commission with concerns regarding a neighbors complaint about the noise her rooster makes during the early morning hours. It was determined by Planning Board liaison Matthew Allison that her address is in fact in the outlying district and according to the zoning bylaw 4.2.1.1, homesteading is permitted at this address. Ms. Philbrick is well within her rights to raise a rooster though some suggestions were made to lessen the effect of the noise neighbors, i.e. ensuring all birds are roosted safely and securely in a hen house until a reasonable morning hour and/or moving the birds to a part of the property further from the complainant.

Miss Heather Bowen of H&M Farm on Flat Hill Road was in attendance to report that the Unifier Roots Festival will in fact be happening at the Lane Property on Holman Street. The event organizers have secured all necessary permits and have met all safety and security requirements set forth by the LPD, LFD, and the LBoH. The weekend long festival uses earthy, cultural, worldly music as a backdrop for the multiple workshops all around the event grounds. Festival goers can partake in yoga, meditation, spiritual development, dance workshops, children's activities, and much more! The festival is drug and alcohol free and family friendly. Chairman Mendoza noted that the support Unifier Roots Festival organizers have shown to local farmers and producers highlights the many necessities available right here in Lunenburg.

Janine LaValley of Maplecrest Farm on Elmwood Road, manager of the LCFM provided her report on the market to the commission. Ms. LaValley has given promotional materials for the market a make-over and is reaching out to a long list of local vendors to participate in this year's market. Chairman Mendoza noted that when the BOS appointed the Ag Com to oversee the Farmers' Market, a LCFM Administrator position had been created, but with Ms. LaValley stepping forward to take the reigns, this may no longer be necessary.

The Agricultural Commission sponsored refreshments at town Band Concert will be Monday July 31st. M. Dupuis will gather supplies for root beer floats which were a tremendous hit last year, Miss Bowen and Chairman Mendoza will be providing baked goods as well as assisting at the booth. There will be a 50/50 raffle and a fabulous half-time performance by our own lyrical leader! Everyone is encouraged to come out to the Gazebo for a fun, family friendly evening. All proceeds raised from this event will continue to support the LHS horticultural classes and agricultural programming throughout town.

In new business, commission restructuring was tabled to an evening when all members are present.

The Lunenburg Historical Society has reached out to join forces for an amazing event, potentially on Sunday September 17th in conjunction with the LCFM. The Commission is excited to begin planning this wonderful day and will be using the grant received from the Lunenburg Cultural Council to bring The Vegetable Circus to the event. The Vegetable Circus is a non-profit group that uses circus performances to promote a healthy lifestyle for children of all ages.

Tonight's meeting marks the end of term for Ms. Rene Traikimas who will not be running for re-appointment. Additionally, Mr. Doug MacMillan submitted his verbal resignation. The Agricultural Commission would like to thank Ms. Traikimas and Mr. MacMillan for their years of service to the town and for all you've done to support, promote, and help to grow our Agricultural character. We wish you both the best of luck in all endeavors.

The next meeting of the Agricultural Commission was scheduled for Thursday July 20, 2017. M. Dupuis made a motion to adjourn, D. MacMillan seconded. Meeting adjourned 9:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maureen C. Dupuis

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