

**Town of Medway
Agricultural Committee
Medway Public Library, Historical Room
26 High Street, Medway MA 02053**

MINUTES OF MEETING

September 14, 2016

Present: Chairman Paul Atwood and Secretary Margaret Perkins.

Chairman Paul Atwood called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

A motion to accept the agenda for the meeting of September 14, 2016 was made by Ms. Perkins, seconded by Chairman Atwood and approved unanimously.

A motion to accept the minutes from August 24, 2016 as submitted was made by Ms. Perkins, seconded by Chairman Atwood and approved unanimously.

Citizen Comments:

No citizens present.

Old Business:

- A. Agricultural Zoning Bylaws:
 - Ms. Perkins made copies of a draft copy of the bylaws for each committee member.
 - Committee members read through the document and discussed a few of the bylaws and exemptions pertaining mainly to parcels of land of 5 or more acres used for agricultural purposes.
 - Main intent of zoning bylaws is to regulate the ownership of animals in residential areas.
- B. Update on Chapter 61: no further update.
- C. Recruitment of Additional Committee Members: no further update. Committee members will continue to try to recruit members through the Medway Farmers Market and Norfolk Agricultural High School.

New Business:

- A. Facebook Page and/or Website:
 - Should the Agricultural Committee have one or both?
 - Ms. Perkins made a motion to start a Facebook page on behalf of the committee. Chairman Atwood seconded and it was approved unanimously.
- B. Resources:
 - <https://www.facebook.com/MassachusettsAssociationofAgriculturalCommissions/>
 - <http://www.recorder.com/money-for-new-farmers-4151389>

- C. Farm day at the Community Farm will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2016.
- D. Committee members may look into having speakers coming to Medway to present on farming related issues and resources (for example, The Carrot Project and/or Land for Good).

Upcoming Meetings:

October 26, 2016 at 7:30 PM

Adjournment:

The Board adjourned at 9:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Filipa LeClair

Meeting Recording Secretary