

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

October 26, 2016

Present: Chairman Paul Atwood, Vice Chairman Bruce Hamblin and Secretary Margaret Perkins.

Chairman Paul Atwood called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

A motion to accept the agenda for the meeting of October 26, 2016 was made by Ms. Perkins, seconded by Chairman Atwood and approved unanimously.

A motion to accept the minutes from September 14, 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 the bylaws for each committee member. Implementation of these bylaws has not begun.
- B. Update on Chapter 61: no further update.
- C. Recruitment of Additional Committee Members: no further update. Committee members trying Medway Farmers Market and Norfolk Agricultural High School.

New Business:

- A. Question 3 on ballot: Confinement of Farm Animals. Chairman Atwood reports that if it passes, after 6 years importation of animal products from states without such laws will be prohibited.
- B. Facebook Page: Ms. Perkins created a basic Facebook page for the Medway Agricultural Committee.
- C. Ms. Perkins suggested that the committee create a Mission Statement to be included on Facebook page. Committee members will draft suggested content, including status of agriculture in Medway, strengths and weaknesses, for discussion at the next meeting.
- D. Resources:
 - Livestock Conservancy Conference at Hampshire College
 - Agricultural event listing: <http://semaponline.org/events/>

Upcoming Meetings:

December 14, 2016 at 7:30 PM

Adjournment:

The Board adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Perkins

Secretary