

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**April 12, 2017**

**Present:** Chairman Paul Atwood, Board Member Bruce Hamlin, and Secretary Margaret Perkins.

Chairman Paul Atwood called the meeting to order at 7:47 PM.

**Approval of Agenda and Minutes:**

***A motion to accept the agenda for the meeting of April 12, 2017 was made by Ms. Perkins, seconded by Chairman Atwood and approved unanimously.***

***A motion to accept the minutes of January 25, 2017 as submitted was made by Ms. Perkins, seconded by Chairman Atwood and approved unanimously.***

***A motion to accept the minutes of March 8, 2017 with the following amendments: add an attendee and correct information to the Legislative Advisor for Farm Bureau section, was made by Ms. Perkins, seconded by Chairman Atwood and approved unanimously.***

**Citizen Comments:**

No citizens present.

**Old Business:**

- A. Updates on zoning issues- no updates
- B. Updates on administration and legislative issues- no updates
- C. Recruiting additional members- during the most recent Medway Community Farm meeting, Chairman Atwood mentioned that the Agricultural Committee was still seeking additional members. Allison Dempsey showed interest in attending our next meeting.

**New Business:**

- A. Medway Community Farm news- the Conservation Commission is assessing the control of the areas surrounding the sports fields at Idylbrook. Control of the area could be given to the Agricultural Committee. Chairman Atwood leases 2 acres of his property to the Community Farm and vehicular traffic in and out of his driveway is posing an issue. The Chairman met with representatives from the Conservation Commission to see if access to the farming land could be allowed through Idylbrook. Selectman Glenn Trindade also offered to help in this effort.
- B. Spring/Summer events- Medway Pride Day (May 20<sup>th</sup>): committee members talked about potentially sharing a table with the Community Farm and Medway Farmer's Market. Chairman

Atwood will contact representatives from both organizations to check for interest. Depending on the success of Medway Pride Day, the committee may be interested in having representation at Medway Family Day later in the summer.

- C. Medway Library Summer Lunch Program- Ms. Perkins was excited to share that the Medway Public Library, in collaboration with the Medway Schools Wellness Coordinator, is assessing the possibility of hosting a free lunch program for children in our community once a week for 6-8 weeks during the summer. Local restaurants and grocery stores are being contacted to see if they would be interested in donating to this endeavor. Currently, 12% of children in Medway qualify for reduced price or free lunch in school, but Medway doesn't qualify for USDA funding for such programs during the summer months. The free lunch at the library would address the need to provide those in need with assistance during the summer, while also providing an opportunity for all kids in the community to come together for a fun meal. Chairman Atwood suggested contacting the Community Farm for produce donations.
- D. Chairman Atwood noted that if additional members are recruited, the Agricultural Committee would have enough members to become a full functioning commission. He asked that current committee members consider this possibility and determine whether they can commit to the additional time this would require.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

May 17, 2017 at 7:30 PM

**Adjournment:**

The Board adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Filipa LeClair

Meeting Recording Secretary