

**Town of Medway  
Agricultural Commission  
Medway Public Library, Reading Room  
26 High Street, Medway MA 02053**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**February 21, 2018**

**Present:** Chairman Paul Atwood, Secretary Margaret Perkins, and Board Member Alison Dempsey.

Chairman Atwood called the meeting to order at 7:57 PM.

**Approval of Agenda and Minutes:**

*A motion to accept the agenda for the meeting of February 21, 2018 as submitted was made by Ms. Perkins, seconded by Ms. Dempsey and approved unanimously.*

*A motion to accept the minutes of January 10, 2018 as submitted was made by Ms. Perkins, seconded by Ms. Dempsey and approved unanimously.*

**Citizen Comments:**

No citizens present.

**Old Business:**

- A. Updates on Chapter 61 land in Medway- Chairman Atwood met with one of the landowners who expressed that although he would like to do more with his land, time constraints present an obstacle. He would like to find someone to help out on the farm or rent part of his land.

Ms. Dempsey suggested initiating the Right to Farm initiative and volunteered to research starting points. She believes that this will send a message to the farming community about the intentions of this Commission. The goal is to have this on the warrant for the Fall Town Meeting.

- B. Medway Farmer's Market- The farmer's market received \$400 in funding from the Medway Cultural Council. The hope is to host a cultural event 2 weeks out of every month. Ms. Dempsey noted that the new farm manager at Medway Community Farm plans to continue the farm's participation in the farmer's market.

**New Business:**

- A. Association of Agricultural Commissions Membership- Chairman Atwood asked members to consider whether this Commission wanted to become a member of the Association of Agricultural Commissions.

***A motion to join the Association of Agricultural Commissions subject to terms and conditions was made by Ms. Perkins, seconded by Ms. Dempsey and approved unanimously.***

Ms. Perkins printed out the form and completed for submission.

- B. Association of Agricultural Commissions Annual Meeting- Chairman Atwood and Ms. Perkins plan on attending the meeting being held on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Meeting:**

March 21, 2018 at 7:30 PM.

**Adjournment:**

***A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Perkins, seconded by Ms. Dempsey and approved unanimously.***

The Board adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Filipa LeClair

Meeting Recording Secretary