

**Town of Chester
Agricultural Commission Meeting
Tuesday, July 26th, 2016
Municipal Complex
Approved Minutes**

I Preliminaries

1.1 Call to Order

Chairman Van Geyte called this meeting of the Town of Chester Agricultural Commission to order at 7:07pm.

1.2 Roll Call

Members present:

Jodi Boeske
Steve Boeske
Cindy LeBlanc
Gary Van Geyte, Chair

Members absent:

Jeff Geary
Stephen Landau, Selectman Liaison (ex-officio)
Chuck Myette, Vice-Chair

II. Old Business

2.1 Approval of Minutes

May 24th, 2016: Mr. Boeske moved to accept these minutes as drafted; Ms. LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; so moved.

2.2 Treasurer's Report

There is \$73.14 in the TD Bank account; the Commission made 1¢ of interest since the last statement.

The \$650 in the Budget mentioned at the last meeting has been spent, at least in part; some was used to print new brochures, and some was used to print t-shirts.

Chairman Van Geyte has an envelope of cash from last year's Town Fair; there is \$78 in the envelope, after a honorarium of \$100 was paid to Bob Pepper for the use of his cow for Cow Plop Bingo. He would like to give this envelope to Mr. Myette, as Treasurer.

2.3 Town Fair

Town Fair is scheduled for Saturday, September 10th, 2016. Setup time is after 5pm on Friday, or ~8:30am on Saturday.

Chairman Van Geyte has filled out the vendor application form and will drop it off at Recreation next week. Mr. Boeske would like to have the same spot as last year; he needs two tables and a canopy, and will bring animals and fencing. Chairman Van Geyte may be able to donate the use of his canopy.

It was suggested that gift cards from Derry Feed or Blue Seal be given as prizes in the Cutest/Ugliest

chicken contest. This was less popular last year; better advertising might be needed. Can the \$78 be used to purchase these cards?

Mrs. Boeske plans to raffle off one turkey, and give another to a family in need or with a terminally ill member. She would also like to give any profit made from the turkey raffle to this family.

Will Mr. Pepper's cow be available for the Cow Plop Bingo this year?

2.4 Brochures

1000 new Brochures have been printed; all should take copies to hand out to local farms. It has been posted on the Facebook page, and will be added to the Town's website.

2.5 Facebook Page

It appears that all members of the Ag Comm are admins on the Facebook page.

III New Business

There was no new business raised.

IV. Adjournment

The next meeting of the Agricultural Commission will be held on Tuesday, September 27th, 2016 at 7pm. There will be no August meeting.

Mrs. Boeske moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor with Messrs. Geary, Landau, and Myette absent; so moved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra H. Doda