

TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Agricultural Commission

June 2nd, 2009 – 7:30pm

Minutes of the Agricultural Commission for Brookfield

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Members Present: Jenny Tapper, Art Wheeler, Frank Frazier, Craig Evans, Nate Weeks, Stephanie Hillis, Janet Murfey

Absent: Andy Tapper,

Public Present: Mary Lou MacLain

Public Comments: None present

Chairman's Comments:

Chairman urged the Ag commission to attend upcoming Planning Board meetings as the subject of home businesses and cottage industries is going to be addressed and may impact farming and related pursuits.

New Business:

1. None

Old Business:

1. Minutes from June 2nd, 2009-> motion to approve as amended, Jenny, 2nd Stephanie, all approved. Stephanie abstaine
2. Farm Day Planning
 - a. Approved list of 14+ farms.
 - b. North Country Tractor is willing to bring down a couple of pieces of equipment. Chairman to ask Selectman for OK.
 - c. Signs -> Motion to spend up to \$200 for signs made by Janet, seconded by Nate, all approved. Frank to check with JC Signs. Will attempt to get them bright colors and with some graphics if possible.
 - d. Coordination with Old Home Day:
 - i. Craig passed out schedule for Old Home day events
 - ii. Mary Lou talked about the dinner and need to get volunteers to bring food, beans, cornbread, cole slaw or cash donation.
 - iii. There will be a blueberry pie eating contest and we need to help encourage folks to bake pies (also the desert for the dinner!)
 - iv. Mary Lou discussed the Old Home Day advertising and PR plans and the Ag Commission discussed how we would dovetail with that.
 - e. We agreed on printing 500 brochures to start
 - f. Demos – Jenny will call UNH Extension about Master Gardner, etc.

Member Comments:

- Jenny
 - Farm Bureau will host legislative visit on July 21st from 5-8 pm at Iron Brook Farm, Devylder's in Wolfeboro, and Alan Frederick's farm.
- Art
 - Art told us of an uninvited "guest" who was walking up to his potato patch with a bucket and a hoe. Art chased the guy off and the police were not called but it is a cautionary tale in these economic times.

Next Meeting: Tuesday August 4th 2009 7:30 pm

Motion to adjourn 8:34 pm, Janet, 2nd, Art

Respectfully submitted, Frank Frazier