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**Agricultural Commission**

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**MINUTES OF APRIL 18, 2019 AGRECULTURAL COMMISION MEETING**

**Present:** Norma York Joanne Chioper  
Mari Goncalves Robert Gilmore  
Scott Harding

**Absent:**

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:05 P.M.
- II. Minutes for approval: March 21, 2019  
Financial Monthly Reports: March 21, 2019  
A motion was made by Norma York to approve the minutes of March 21, 2019  
And the Treasury Report; the motion was seconded by Maria Goncalves Motion passed 2-3
- III. Meeting Mail: (None)
- IV. Appointment: (None)
- V. **New Business**

Norma we are very happy to have Carolyne St John which is the secretary of the Grange what is a Grange what do they do what it does and what stands for Carolyne the Acushnet Grange been in Acushnet for 109 years next year it will be 110 years we are the oldest fraternal organization that is continuing on right along we are an agricultural organization it started 150 years ago in Washington DC with a group of people men that figured that the farmers needed support in there farming on things that came up that they needed either legislative or help in keep farms going 150 years ago the National Grange was formed so we have a lengthy time with the community around the country. Acushnet Grange we have a supported the farmers right along we also do community services we have given dictionaries to the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students for the children Acushnet Elementary School and St Francis Eavier School across from we have going back about 15 – 16 years and every child gets their own

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dictionary to take home we support Forster Care need that is dogs that are trained to be with people that need assistant and we support other Agricultural Organization we support they University of Massachusetts in Amherst we have a garden display of pollinating garden and other organizations and activities throughout the years are at the State House in Boston are part of the Farmer Day at the end of March and a we are not just for farmer we are the whole community the Grange is an Organization the whole family can belong age 14 and up even if they have younger children they are encourage to bring them on to the meeting with them because it is a family organization and endowing so we are having our third Agricultural Fair that we have restarted we had Agricultural Fairs going on in the seventy five years and which people would come and display their products and there flowers and do home baking and other things that they would do at home unfortunately not having enough people going forgo that for a while we had to stop and go back for a while so we have trying to start up the Agricultural Fair this year Agricultural Fair have several state department attending and our displays and the Bristol County mosquito control there many organization from the town of Acushnet will be there with food demonstrations that will be done John how does the Farmers Market will be there he will be will be there and he's going have accouple of things that to demonstrate that you will be able to taste them Stephanie from the UMass Extension Services in Raynham she is came a couple of years ago she going to be putting some food demonstration and we also have Arin is another Grange Member from and one Grange he is going to be peddling his bicycle at the same time he makes frappes so you will be able to taste his frappes we will have seed planting for adult and children and children will be able to make butterfly's and the New England antique tractor club is new to the community is known using our hall for their meetings we will have some of their tractors for display we are also going to contest for ages 14 and up and adults twelve cookies for children ages 8-13 both the pies and cookies must be from scratch no premade mixture or premade crust to be used and those will be judged and a prize will be awarded for those there are several places that we have put our flyers and we will have the Acushnet Library has the information for the baking contest if any buddy would like to participate if you would like some information you can email me at [Grangemac@comcast.net](mailto:Grangemac@comcast.net) I can email you or get you the information contest it's going to be again Saturday May 4, 2019 10-2 pm free to the public the only thing we ask is only service dogs are allowed and this is helped sponsored by the Massachusetts State Grange they give us a grant every year to put this on so we hope to see every one there. Norma everyone knows where the Grange is 1121 Main St near Keith's Farm if you never been there I would suggest for you to come and I myself will be there to help Maria I will be there to participate but will be a little late. Come out to support your local Grange it's a great deal of work. Norma you will also be at the Farmers Day at the Library Carolyn yes, I will also be there if you have yours outside I will also have mine beside yours. Maria we are going to start doing some demo on our meetings. Norma yes, we have different people come by and do some demonstrations and how to take care we had dropped it we are going to keep it narrow down to ½ hour no cooking, plants and animals and things that come up. Norma I am glad you brought that up know I have to vote on this a women that partly traveled around the world taking pictures of different bee keeping and she took pictures and what she did was and she gives a lecture it was sponsored by \$150 to \$200 dollars for the lecture

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but for the fall would mean that we would have to we would have to get it approved by the commission we also would have to be at the Grange don't the Grange rent out the hall to \$50 for 4 hours very reasonable this is one of the things I was thinking about for bee keeping and the different cultural. Next meeting schedule for May 23, 2019. Motion to adjourn Maria.

**Old Business**

Maria, we have submitted the Invoice to the Town Hall for it to be able to be paid for us to be able to participate in the Bristol Ag High School Spring Expo which is dated May 5, 2019 10:00 – 3:00 Norma we are wondering if you would like to bring the tri-fold to put on the table. Norma first thing in old business is that you should bring to the Meet you Farmer Day at the library which is May 6, 2019 this is a busy week what to bring to the Farmers Day at the library the boys are going to bring there tractor Maria is that at 7:00 o'clock no its 5 – 7 I was wondering if a good day we can be out side and maybe we can bring brownie Maria always brings a baby goat in or sheep. If it's a nice day we can put them out side the kids can pet them take pictures on the tractor Norma, so the tractor will be on the front lawn and pet the goat. Norma the Bristol Ag Show on May 5, 2019 on Sunday any one wishing to that is free you can go to the Bristol Ag School we are very lucky on having one of the finest Ag school it's the best in the state so we have a table in side they are going to have landscape design inside Maria again is going to see what baby to bring with another goat section with a table inside its very well done its local and free its on the 5 of May 14, 2019

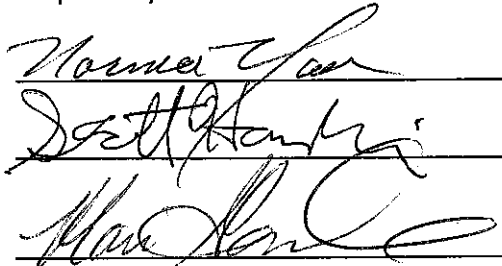
VII. Future Business:

VIII. Meeting adjourned at: 7:26 P.M.

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**Acushnet Agricultural Commission Meeting – April 18, 2019**

Respectfully submitted: Maria Goncalves

  
Three handwritten signatures are present, each on a horizontal line. The first signature appears to be 'Norma', the second 'Dorothy', and the third 'Maria'.

Date: 6/10/19