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## **Agricultural Commission**

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#### MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2019 AGRECULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING

Present:

Norma York

Joanne Chioper

Maria Goncalves

Robert Gilmore

**Scott Harding** 

#### Absent.....

Meeting called to order at 7:07 P.M.

II. Minutes for approval:

December 06,2018

Financial Monthly Reports: December 06,2018

A motion was made by Norma York to approve the minutes of December 06, 2018 and the Treasury Report; the motion was seconded by Bob Gilmore Motion passed 3-3

III. Meeting Mail: (None)

IV. Appointment: (None)

V. New Business:

Norma the Library each year it has in the last couple of years meeting and activity room Meet Your Local Farmers Day its going to be this year on May 6, 2019. I suggest putting a tractor this year on the front lawn so they went by the board and yes, we can put a tractor in the front yard my nephew just got done Harvest A paint or shining up one of them and offered to bring it down the librarians came up with pet a tractor day you can have pictures taken on the seat. Norma maybe we can have you bring a baby I know the ones from last year are grown up Maria yes depending on the time I might have one. Norma maybe you can think of what else

we could do if the goat or a lamb it will be a surprise animal. Norma are we going to go to the Bristol Ag Agricultural Show Maria the only concern is we have people asking for help we cant intermingle with the other towns so could we talk to the AG Com in the other towns help them out and push them Norma of course I had another person asked me he is from Lakeville there is no Right to Farm there Norma no they don't? Norma maybe what does he want to add how to go about it we could suggest if they have a AG Com there if they would work on pushing the Right to Farm and we had the same question and the same conversation at the last Bristol Agg Com Day when we did it last year. Norma that is true this came about the Represented Koziero actually he is the one proposed it and then it went through we already have the idea that we had to do the warrant and all that so they would have to do the same procedures Norma you know how noes about it is Cinda I do have literature on how to do it to. Maybe we can give her number and she will come out Maria wasn't it also Freetown that didn't have it? Norma Freetown don't have one either there was couple of people that came up to us and present it Norma this town very luck to has a Agricultural Commission and they had a for site to approve it from the selectman of course they have an active committee Maria could the state get involved? Bob they have a website that list the town that have Ag Com and The Right to Farm you can get the list on line Norma state does have record of how to do it Norma I don't see why we can make recommendations if we have some time maybe we can look around see if we can find something on it Bob trying to see what other town in Bristol County that are Norma I think is unique in more then one way and know have gone into floats Assonet they call it the capital of Freetown Bob know I am curious which other town in Bristol Bob they are Plymouth County Norma Dartmouth has one but its not like this one Bob Westport has one must Norma Taunton doesn't I know that was one that asked. Norma Bristol Agg is one of the better schools in the area they have barns, flower shop, field exhibits cows, goats, alpacas they have class that have different things in it seed starting we luck we have one by Norfolk is the other one that has one. Norma know the Acushnet Grange is holding there Farmers Day Caraline is going to join us next meeting break down on what they are going to have they having cooking demonstrations only this year its going to be May 4, 2019 o my goodness. They had the dog do there thing then JJ came with the horses and they had picture for the kids and other things like that. Bob wasn't JJ also going to be as an alternate too. Norma I went to visit the Historical Commission and again offered our services to open the to spend one day every month I told Pauline that we can do it but the other thing is the New England antique tractor club has been reorganized and there meeting are and it has its own n name and its going to be held at the Acushnet Grange and any how I have told them that we are an agricultural town. So what they do under the new insurance panel so they can go in parades and shows and they are insured each member is fully insured so I was talking to Pauline about we didn't put a float in last year but we are going to

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do one this year what I have asked if the Historical Commission agreed to do it open up the meeting house and take the chain out then not stopping at the Country Whip like we have been to go down to the Meeting House then they can have a tractor show down there plenty of room we can ask Chuck Leonard to bring a portable potty and they can have it there instead. We also can have JJ come by with his horses and do some other things for the kids and the floats that want to participate can go down more and they can have picnic lunch there I am sure and make use of it I have proposed it to the tractor club because I am a member they seemed interested. Next meeting April 18, 2019

### VI. Old Business:

VII. Future Business:

VIII. Meeting adjourned at: 7:33 PM

A motion to adjourn was made by Norma York.

Motion was seconded by Bob Gilmore. Motion passed 3-3

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Respectfully submitted: Maria Goncalves

Date: 6/10/19