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MINUTES OF OCTOBER 25, 2018 AGRECULTURAL COMMISION MEETING

Present: Norma York

Richard Miranda

Maria Goncalves

Robert Gilmore

Scott Harding

Absent:

Meeting Called to order at: 7:06 PM

II. Minutes for approval: previous: different months July 19, & Sep 6, 2018

Financial Monthly Report: different months July 19 & Sep 6,2018

A motion was made by Norma York to approve the minutes of and the Treasury Report; the motion was seconded by Maria passed 2-3

III. Meeting Mailed: (None)

IV. Appointment: (None)

V. New Business:

Norma we have to do something regarding the web design and back to the Old Colony I can do that and the other new business we have is that the Grange with the winter farmers market I understand not this year Joanne she has a lot of work with it of course she don't have the time it apparently no one knows how to do it so it's a lot of paper work with the farmers market anyone looking to start a farmers market a lot of paper work preparation and time and she don't have the time to do there's as of course everyone knows we didn't go into the Apple Peach Festival Parade do to the half of us where doing other things and Maria was away to so and we didn't actual the future is on it we will have to find out if they are going to have the parade next year or not some talk about it at one point they were soing to change where they festival was held Maria they can change the location but they should not terminate it I have the Grange meeting the first of the month this Thursday I

thought I would go to that and they are talking about having kind of a yard sale in there facility. Norma the other agenda I was going to take up you and I have gone to every event that I and Scott I was going to go over what events we should plan to go to this year. We did the library last year Maria a couple of years now and we did at the Ag School a couple of years also did the Grange to Agricultural Show to and help out Maria the one I missed out was the Historical Norma we got rained out. I was think about it we should have to go ask the spring because talking about partnering with Historical Commission on having a Founders Day then it was going to be Agricultural Day but no reason we can't do our own in the spring know what we could do Maria I think that would be the best time we have all the agricultural starting done and we could ask Jay to do on plowing with horses very few people ever see it and he has beautiful facility there and the barn we could have someone do on fermenting and we have plenty of talent in this town and we could almost have our own Farmers Day right there but JJ has to approve it though but I can talk to him I will have to ask him. Maria I would suggest not to take long because he does schedule out because he does birthday parties and other stuff. Before Thanksgiving or our next meeting, I will go ask and see him see what he thinks Maria if you are going to the Grange on first Thursday of the month he will be there some time he comes some time he don't if he is there I can talk to him. I think we should do our own we could do having some antique tractors come and play with one we can have a lot of activities there we could even do lunch it's a nice facility. Norma anything else you want to bring up Maria yes so on the website what are we doing with the website then I have to get touch with Old Colony something going on or it before a holiday I will call them up next week or so and find out what the best time to go and plan on a website Maria it will take some what time to design it and finalized it and we have Lisa Leonard is up on that type of things. Maria I also wanted to see what the static was with Board of Health Meeting we spoke about the animals I have not heard anything Rebeca had told you they were proposing to and I did see that Marion thing for chickens and goats the type of thing in the town they put a \$50 If I can record the article if they had to issue a warrant or something the first one was \$50 the next one was \$100 so it like a fine did they pay to have animals Norma Acushnet has not set forward with one I have not seen it and Rebeca was around doing her thing barn duties and inspections so I would say. We have personal properties taxes anyhow and we are already taxed. Like Costa was saying that North of the town isn't a problem it's the center that the problem arises Maria yes, but you can't divide the town they have fine system instead its normal you get a fine. Maria I was hoping that they would dissolve that in and we would not have to pay that animals special we are Agricultural Town we always had cow and farms. Norma we are suburb of New Bedford, so they must be very careful on this one the town has a lot of livestock in it. Norma next meeting on December 6, 2018 at 7:00 PM

VI. Old Business:

Norma on old business Scott is working on his Cranberry Bog Maria yes, they are all floating on the top, so they are picking them.

VII. Future Business:

VIII. Meeting Adjourned: 7:19 Pm

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Respectfully submitted: Maria Goncalves

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