

**MINUTES
AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
HYBRID PARTICIPATION
September 8, 2021**

OPENING: 7:00 p.m. Chairman Hansen opened the hybrid meeting is being held via Zoom and in person at the Land Use Meeting Room in Town Hall by announcing a roll call attendance, that the meeting is being recorded, and noted the regulations associated with a remote meeting.

ATTENDANCE

Burt Hansen, Chairman	Present
Maryssa Cook-Obregon, Vice Chairman	Absent
Dennis Clark, Commissioner	Absent
Dan Cook, Commissioner	Present
Zach Barnett, Commissioner	Absent
Ron Cecchini, Commissioner	Present
Brett Colson, Commissioner	Present
Lenita Bober, Commissioner	Absent
Tammy Ciak-Bissaillon, Commissioner	Present

MINUTES

Commissioner Ciak-Bissaillon made a motion to accept the minutes of September 11, 2021. Commissioner Colson seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Chairman Hansen yes	Commissioner Cecchini yes
Commissioner Cook yes	Commissioner Colson yes

DISCUSSION

North Longyard Road Chairman Hansen stated information about 206 acres of land owned by the Griffin Land Trust that was to be the site of Carvana. The soils are too dense to farm. As of this meeting, there has been no documentation of a Right of First Refusal from the Select Board office on the property.

Master Plan Committee Chairman Hansen nominated Vice Chairman Maryssa Cook-Obregon as a member of the Master Plan Committee. Chairman Hansen will contact Chairman Pratt of the Conservation Commission as Maryssa Cook-Obregon is also a member of that commission. Commissioner Colson seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Chairman Hansen yes
Commissioner Cook yes

Commissioner Cecchini yes
Commissioner Colson yes

Community Garden Chairman Hansen stated that the garden has since been overgrown. Commissioner Cecchini will do the tilling in early November. Art Pinell DBA Westview Farms has been contracted to do the perimeter mowing. The funding will be provided by the Conservation Commission maintenance line item.

Right to Farm Chairman Hansen noted that the signs have been placed by the DPW. The locations are to the borders of the Town.

Lombella Property – Tannery Road Chairman Hansen related that attempts have been made to have the property owners preserve the land. The 80 acre parcel could produce as many as 25 residential dwelling and has close access to the rail trail. The property was discussed at a Planning Board meeting to possibly change the zoning for the parcel from Industrial Restricted. Chairman Hansen will contact Mr. Goddard for more information.

85 College Highway & 22 Nicholson Hill Road Chairman Hansen noted that the property at 85 College Highway, 2 acres with an existing barn, is being sold separately from the 18.9 acres to the rear on Nicholson Hill Road. The property owner is Michael Burns.

Granby Open Farm Day Granby will host it's Farm Day on the 18th. Commissioner Ciak-Bissaillon stated that each farm has a booth to highlight the products they sell or produce.

45 Coes Hill Road Ms. Cindy Marshall, 45 Coes Hill Road, requested information on the budget amount the Agricultural Commission has for purchasing potential APR property. The Commission does not have any funding to purchase land, but encourages property owners of large tracks of land to consider preservation.

Budget The FY 22 budget remains at \$950.00.

Chairman Hansen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. Commissioner Colson seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Chairman Hansen yes
Commissioner Cook yes

Commissioner Cecchini yes
Commissioner Colson yes

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Nilsson

cc:

Select Board
Town Clerk

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