

**MINUTES**  
**AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE**  
**REMOTE PARTICIPATION**  
**May 13, 2020**

**OPENING:** The remote Zoom meeting is being held in pursuant to the Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30A, 18 and the Governor's March 15, 2020 order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place.

**ATTENDANCE**

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

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6:00 pm: Chairman Hansen opened the meeting announced that the meeting was being recorded, and noted the regulations associated with a remote meeting.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Brett Colson made a motion to accept the minutes of April 29, 2020. Vice Chairman Cook-Obregon seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Burt Hansen – yes  
Maryssa Cook-Obregon – yes  
Dennis Clark – yes  
Zach Barnett – yes  
Ron Cecchini – yes  
Bret Colson – yes

**Signs** Vice Chairman Maryssa Cook-Obregon stated that she would be working with Kestrel Land Trust for signage to identify APR land. Signs will be provided at no charge, but donations from the APR land owners will be accepted. Vice Chairman Maryssa Cook-Obregon had conducted site visits of installed signs and will send a picture to the Committee members so they are aware of what the signs look like installed. Commissioner Colson stated that he would assist in contacting the APR farmers to determine if they are interested in participating. Randy Brown, DPW Director had previously informed Vice Chairman Maryssa Cook-Obregon that the sign must be 10 feet from the road and that permits from the Planning Board are not required.

**FY 2021 Budget** Commissioner Clark will inquire as to when the Select Board and the Finance Committee will meet to discuss the Agricultural Committee Fiscal Year 2021 budget so the members will be able to attend and explain the budgeted items if necessary.

**Farm Brochure** There has been no further progress on the brochure. Commissioner Clark will send out a spread sheet of all properties which define Chapter 61, 61A and 61B locations to the Commissioners.

**Upcoming Guest Speaker** Ron Hall Agricultural Preservation Restriction Program Coordinator for the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, was contacted by Commissioner Hansen and may be able to attend an Agricultural Committee meeting in June. Mr. Hall will provide valuable input on the APR Program and other Agricultural Commission issues.

**Community Garden** Shea's Landscaping placed bark mulch around the kiosk and the welcome sign at the garden. Perennial plants will also be installed in those areas. Replacement garden posts from Great Brook Lumber will be researched by Commissioner Clark and Hansen.


**Warrant Article** A Warrant Article will be presented at the Town Meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup> for \$2,500.00 from CPC funds for Right to Farm Signage proposed by the Agricultural Commission to be placed on Town Roads.

As there was no further business to discuss, Commissioner Colson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. Vice Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Burt Hansen – yes  
Maryssa Cook-Obregon – yes  
Dennis Clark – yes  
Zach Barnett – yes  
Ron Cecchini – yes  
Bret Colson – yes

**The next meeting of the Agricultural Commission is June 10, 2020**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jean Nilsson  
cc:

Select Board  
Town Clerk

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