

## Effingham Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes October 24, 2012

Present: AnnMarie Sargent, Deb Potter, Barbara Thompson, Tom Thompson, Bill Piekut

Others Present: Jill Piekut

The meeting was called to order at 7:10.

Minutes: There was no vote on the minutes.

Public Comment: None

Correspondence: None

### New Business:

- 2013 Budget – The members went over the worksheet from the Town Office and made the following changes: Farm Bureau Association dues remain the same at \$60. NOFA membership for \$20 was added. Postage and phone remain at \$0. Printing was reduced to \$40. Supplies was reduced to \$40. Workshops/Seminars remained the same at \$90. The resulting total of \$250 remains unchanged. Tom moved and Bill seconded to accept the 2013 budget as amended. The motion passed.
- The renewal application from the NH Farm Bureau was reviewed and changes to the billing address will be made from Deb's address to the Town.
- NOFA – The members went over the application and filled in the appropriate lines.
- Meeting time: Everyone agreed to keep the meeting time at 7:00. It was decided to cancel the meeting for December. Barbara will post the amended hours.

### Old Business

- Membership: Bill Piekut introduced his daughter, Jill, who is interested in becoming a member of the board. She explained a little of her background. The board was pleased to have her join and advised her to submit a letter of intent through her father. Barbara will notify the Town Office there is a prospective member. Once these things are done she can attend a BOS meeting and be sworn in. Barbara also mentioned Eric Jones as a possible candidate to fill the last empty position and will speak with him soon. The board felt he would be a good addition.
- Barbara read a draft to present to the BOS for reducing the number of alternates from 5 to 2. Deb moved and Tom seconded the amendment. The motion carried.
- Banner: Deb said she will place the order for the banner which can be submitted on this year's budget.

Barbara will submit both association applications, the budget worksheet and the support letter for Jill to the Town office on Friday.

Bill moved and Tom seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Minutes prepared by Barbara Thompson

*These minutes are considered draft until approved at a regular meeting of the Agricultural Commission. Any corrections will be noted in the next meeting minutes.*