

Effingham Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes June 27, 2012

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:15.

Minutes: AnnMarie moved and Tom seconded to accept the minutes of May 23rd as presented. The motion passed. AnnMarie moved and Deb seconded to accept the work session minutes of June 13th as presented. The motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Correspondence: Email from Carol Phister asking if the commission knows how many farms are in town. This information was requested by Susan Slack who is assisting on the energy chapter for the Master Plan. In an exchange with Carol, it was guessed there may be about 12-15 farms in town, exclusive of tree farms.

New Business: None

Old Business

- Membership: Dave did not respond to the email from Barbara. AnnMarie is still working to line up a meeting with him.
- Resource list – Barbara checked with Theresa and we cannot put a resource list on the Town web site. We can, however, provide a link where people can visit the facebook page for the farmer's market for this list.
- Zoning Ordinance: A draft to amend the number of member in the commission will be done for the July meeting for submission to the Planning Board.
- County Ag Fair Day: Barbara expressed her concern regarding the lack of designation for non-profits and insurance requirement by the County Ag Fair Committee for this fair. Since these requirements were not known at the time the Ag Commission decided to add this fair to the list of yearly activities/memberships, she asked the members to consider withdrawing this item from our yearly agenda. To that end, Tom moved to rescind the original motion to participate in The County Ag Fair Day due to the insurance requirements. Deb seconded. The motion carried. As an alternative for disseminating information it was suggested we speak with the Historical Society to see if they would allow the Ag Comm to add a table to their booth at the Effingham Farmers Market in order to leave out literature that would have been put out at the County Ag Fair.
- Farmers Market: Barbara told the members that a nice article had made its way into the Union Leader promoting the market. AnnMarie suggested we laminate it.

AnnMarie moved and Tom seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 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 minuts.

