

## Effingham Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes July 25, 2012

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:12.

Minutes: Tom moved and Deb seconded to accept the minutes of June 27 as with corrections. Correct the spelling of Carol Pfster's name.

There was no public comment.

Correspondence: Email from Bill re: John E. Sununu: 'Certified organic' farming: How federal regulations help Big Agriculture -- but not small farmers. There was a brief discussion. NOFA, an organic farming organization of NH was brought up in the conversation which may be able to assist local farms with national level funding and provide a voice in politics on behalf of organic farmers. Tom will look into this group.

New Business: None

### Old Business

- Membership: As the number of members in the commission is not a zoning issue, Tom will talk with Susan to find out how we go about reducing the number of alternates from 5 to 2. On another note, Deb said Michelle will come to the August meeting.
- Banner: Deb updated the members. There was a sale at Vistaprint and she said she would upgrade the size of the banner she is going to order.

AnnMarie moved and Deb seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 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.*