

TOWN OF EAST KINGSTON
Agricultural Commission

2011-2012
Brad Rice, Vice Chairman

MINUTES
August 19, 2011 Meeting
7:00 pm

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 8

AGENDA

- ◆ **Attendance**
- ◆ **Board Business**
- ◆ **Adjourn**

The regular meeting of the Agricultural Commission was called to order at 7:05 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Mrs. White called the roll.

MEMBERS: Regular - Brad Rice and Steve White; Alternates - Linda White. Chris Castonguay was not present. Also present was Recording Secretary Barbara White.

BOARD BUSINESS

Vice Chairman Rice chaired the meeting and designated Mrs. Linda White a voting member for this meeting.

Discussion

Members discussed where and when to hold the "Meet and Greet" and the time.

MOTION: Mr. Rice **MOVED** to hold the "Meet and Greet" on October 13 at the Town Hall from 6-8 pm. Mrs. L. White seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. B. White explained that since the Grange had reserved the Town Hall for both the day before and the day after our "Meet and Greet", when they are through using the hall they will need to return the placement of the tables and chairs to how they were found.

The members discussed a speaker. Mr. Rice had tentatively asked Nada Haddad, the Extension Educator from UNH Cooperative Extension for Rockingham County. The members asked Mrs. B. White to ask if Julie LaBranche could also come to speak for a short time.

MOTION: Mr. White **MOVED** to confirm Nada Haddad as speaker and have Mrs. B. White ask Julie LaBranche to also be a speaker. Mr. Rice seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Rice had distributed some proposed wording for our press release and a proposed mission statement. The members approved of the wording for both.

MOTION: Mrs. L. White **MOVED** to use the wording of the press release and the mission statement on the community news release. Mr. Rice seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. White will put together the information for the release and will make sure to note that children are welcome to attend.

Mrs. White showed the members the map she had put together, noting she would place numbers at each of the locations with a key and asked for feedback of the proposed information she would include on the rest of the brochure. It would be a large tri-fold (11x17). The front would have a title and inside the right flap would have the resource information of the individual farms. The members discussed placing the Commission meeting schedule with place and time information and the members contact information on the reverse. They also discussed have a large-scale map printed and mounted on foam board to display at the "Meet and Greet".

MOTION: Mr. Rice **MOVED** to approve the proposed map tri-fold as discussed and the printing of the large-scale map. Mrs. L. White seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. B. White and Mrs. L. White will take care of purchasing the beverages and drinks. Mrs. B. White will contact the library to see if they have an easel they could borrow to display the map.

Mrs. B. White will print some information sheets and tri-fold maps for our table, and Mr. Rice will see if Nada Haddad has some information brochures to distribute. We will place a sign-in sheet at the table inside the door so people can sign up to have additional information and/or the minutes sent to them.

Mrs. White will call each of the places that have been contacted and see if they want to participate in the "Meet and Greet". She will check if they have information to distribute and if they might also have some product they want to sell. She will also see if the Grange wants to participate.

The members will come to the Town Hall at 4pm to set up the tables and chairs, and participants will be invited to come at 5:30 to set up.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Mr. Rice **MOVED** to Adjourn. Mr. White seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara White
Recording Secretary

Approved: _____