

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
Agricultural Commission Meeting
July 11, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Stacy Bond, Bob Duby, Bill Llewelyn, and Al Stone.

- Minutes were read and accepted after a correction was made.
- Motion was made and seconded for Stacy Bond to become a full time commissioner. A letter will be sent to the Selectboard to show this change in status. She will have a two year term that will expire 6/30/19.
- It was noted that there is a need to have copies of the "Right to Farm" bylaws available for each member of the Board.
- A note will be sent to Sandra Wood to correct the meeting time to 7:00 p.m.
- Bill Llewelyn and Al Stone will be going to the Ridge Association meeting in August to answer any questions residents might have about the Agricultural Commission and to hand out barn brochures to anyone who did not receive one.
- Update on the barn brochures: we now have 1,000 more copies. The cost of the extra brochures came out of the 2016-17 budget and our CPA account now stands at zero.
- Discussed the new ownership of the Northfield Schools campus: The Thomas Aquinas College will have about 40 buildings and half the acreage. They hope to open the campus in the fall of 2018. The Moody Center will have another 10 buildings and half the land. The Moody Center will have a public museum of Moody artifacts in Revell Hall on Main Street as well as hold events and conferences on campus. The C.S. Lewis Foundation now owns the former Powell home (also know as Green Pastures).
- A thank you letter will be sent to Eugene L'Etiole for his many years of service.
- It was asked if there has been any outreach to the administrators of the Thomas Aquinas College. It is believed that there is a group in town that is overseeing this function.
- We will be requesting a storage space for all Agricultural Commission paperwork. At the time, there is no real place to keep documents and they are disbursed amongst the members. A letter will be sent to the Town Administrator requesting a possible drawer in a file cabinet in the town hall.
- Short discussion on the state of the dairy industry.
- Next meeting will be September 12, 2017. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Patricia Stone, Secretary
cc: Administrative Assistant

Bill Llewelyn
Al Stone
Stacy E. Bond