TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS **Agricultural Commission Meeting**

November 9, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Bill Ames, Bob Duby, Dave Kalinowski, Bill Llewelyn, and Al Stone.

- Minutes were read and seconded.
- > An application from Stacy Bond was read. She is interested in joining the AG Commission. She will be invited to the next meeting in January. Potential alternate.
- > Zoning by-laws were discussed. We will research this proposal to see if there is any impact on the town's farming community.
- > There will be a presentation of the barn brochure at Dickinson Memorial Library on November 29 at 6:30. Jerry Wagener developed the power point and Al Stone will be presenting it. The barn brochure is a huge success. The Greenfield Recorder ran an article on it as well. There was a small issue of getting the brochure to residents on the Ridge. We need to contact the Ridge Association and discuss a way to get copies to all residents.
- > The State of Massachusetts has passed a law that allows Agricultural Commissions to own and manage municipal land. Currently, the Conservation Commission has that responsibility. This is a new avenue for the Commission to explore.
- > The monies left from the barn brochure cannot go back to the CPA. If it is not used, it will go back into the General fund. Because it was an article, the funds can be carried over another year. The Board will let the town accountant know in June if we are going to return or spend the funds.

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- Next agenda ideas for use of the remainder of the \$1,150. Calendar???
- Next meeting will be January 11, 2017.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectively submitted.

Pat Stone, Secretary

cc: Administrative Assistant