

Mendon Agricultural Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2014
7:30 pm

Members Attending: Jane Belleville, Max Carbone, Ellen Gould, Peter Hawkes, Casey Vandervalk.
Guests attending: Ellen Ball, Larry Pearson, Jean., Tom Fichtner, John Gamersal

7:34 - Meeting called to order by Ellen.

7:35 - **Approval of Minutes:** minutes from June accepted (no meeting in July)

7:36 – Odor complaint at 60 North Avenue: A neighbor of this property reported an odor problem to the BOH. BOH contacted the Ag. Com. to see if we could assist with this complaint. We found that 60 North Ave. Property is 61A. We contacted the barn inspector and he reported he did his original inspection in December 2013 and found no problems. And recently did a follow-up inspection in August as requested by the BOH. Barn Inspector requested the compost pile be moved further away from the property line and as of August 7th the resident complied. The compost pile is now 80 feet from the property line. We urged the neighbor to be in contact with us if the odor problems persists.

8:05 – Larry Pearson: Mr. Pearson wanted to inform us that his 61A property at 43 Quessette Road, Mendon was for sale. It is an old cow dairy and consists of a barn with equipment and 98 acres.

8:25 - 131 North Ave Vegetable Garden Soil test returned with recommendations of large amount so lime. The Deed is still restricted and we believe it has to go through the Mass legislature for amendment and then a Town vote. We will not move forward with the lime as yet.

8:30 – The Ag. Com will support the Town's up-coming Anniversary and would like to have agricultural floats, horses, and livestock in a parade.

Next meeting: TBD

Motion to Adjourn: 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Gould