

Mendon Agricultural Commission
Meeting Minutes
May12, 2016
7:00 pm

Members Attending: Jane Belleville, Peter Denton, Ellen Gould, Peter Hawkes , ken O'Brian, Casey Vandervalk,
Guests attending: Anne Mazar, John Trainer, Larry Pearson

7:01 - Meeting called to order by Ellen.

7:02 – John Trainer talked about “Mendon, a Mini Series” a CD with interviews of farmers or older mendon residents who know about farming history. Action: Discuss how the Ag Com can help with this project.

7:18 – North Ave Property discussion: Ann gave a re-cap of the timeline for the North Avenue vegetable project to its current status. No action is required at this time.

7:45- Hay license for Town owned land is now being renewed. The Ag Com discussed if there is a need to soil test at end of lease to determine if the land is being kept in good condition. The majority felt that it was not necessary and a walk of the property would be adequate. Action: none.

7:52 – Discussed need for the Farm Plan for Manoogian farm to be submitted by the owner. Action: Peter Hawks would follow up with a personal invitation to the Ag Com.

7:52- Ag Com vacancies: Ag Com members voted unanimously for Ken O'Brian to be Chairperson.

7: 56 – New Business: Larry spoke about the history of the Starett farm and his recent contact with a farmer that may be interested in purchasing the property to run a piggery in compliance with Massachusetts state law. All agreed that it would be good if the property was offered to a farmer if possible. Action: watch for the sale of the farm and discuss the desires of the Starett family.

Next meeting: TBA

8:30 Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Gould