

## Agricultural Commission Minutes

June 12,2023 Meeting

Present: Victoria Valenti, Randy Prostak, Sonny Crawford, Claire Pearson, Nathaniel Bellows, Jared Bellows, and Eric Dean.

Eric Dean Resigned.

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

On a motion by Victoria Valenti and second by Sonny Crawford, Randy Prostak was elected chair. Motion passed unanimously.

On a motion by Randy Prostak and second by Sonny Crawford Victoria Valent was elected Vice chair. Motion passed unanimously.

1<sup>st</sup> order of business right to farm signs was discussed. Claire Pearson gave a review of what was previously discussed- including;

- Need to buy images.
- Examples of existing signage
- Engaging signage
- Locations at RT 2,8A, North River Road (sunburn beach area), Zoar Road, Avery brook Road for a total of 10 signs
- The purpose of the signs is to notify people entering Charlemont that it is a right to farm community, the bylaw was adopted. This is also used for real estate and noise ordinance purposes as a notification.
- Next steps are for vendors to create signage and for Randy Prostak to follow up with Highway Superintendent about putting the signs in correctly.
- Buckland DPW and State would need to be asked about Route 2, Jared bellows would be willing to ask, Charlemont DPW would need to install the rest.
- Victoria Valenti will call local communities with signage and ask where they acquired the signs.
- The board will ask Sarah Reynolds about funding for the signs and if the Ag Commission has a budget.

For the next meeting members to review by law and go over any suggestions, the Commission will also discuss any additional things they would like to do (i.e., Farmers markets, community education)

Also, they will discuss the open position

Next meeting Date July 17,2023 7pm

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm