

TOWN OF WEARE
Agricultural Commission
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July 5, 2012 - Meeting Minutes
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PRESENT: Wendy Stevens, Chair, George Malette, Vice Chair, Jerry Little

I: CALL TO ORDER:

Wendy Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm at the Weare Town Office Building .

Let the minutes show that absent members Luke Drake, Ian McSweeney and Rick Barry all have excused absences. Jerry Little was appointed to full member.

Wendy Stevens opened a discussion regarding Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission's development of a food map. The Commission considered sharing their inventory data with SNHPC in regards to map data. Jerry Little voiced a concern about protecting the privacy, and George Malette agreed.

Jerry Little made a motion to share with SNHPC, information about Weare agricultural activities that are publicly available to include activities promoted on the internet, registered to the town or entities that have publicly sought support from the Agricultural Commission. George Malette seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Wendy Stevens opened a discussion on HB1402, noting that it was signed by the Governor in late June and is now law. There is now no license required to make non potentially hazardous foods and sell them from your farm, farm stand, or at a farmers market. She had a discussion with DHHS about the intent of this law and details about cheese making, yogurt making, raw milk sales and requirements of the bill. DHHS made a point that you could not sell cheese or yogurt utilizing this HB unless the milk came from your own animals. Jerry Little mentioned JLCAR, Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules. It was discussed if there were any

discrepancies between the way the bill read, and the way DHHS was interpreting it, it could be brought to JLCAR.

George Malette informed the Commission about activities on the Planning Board regarding the Watershed Management Plan as well as the Watershed Conservation Plan.

George Malette noted member attendance observing that some members had not attended in more than 14 months. George Malette recommended moving a regularly attending alternate into the position of full member. A consensus was reached that this was reasonable and the issue will be discussed again next month.

II: ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm.

Recorded & submitted by,

Wendy J. Stevens