Minutes: Agriculture Commission November 20, 2013

Community Room, Town Hall

Called to order 7:08 pm

Present: Deb Espinosa, Mitch Beauregard, Bernie Block, Larry Campion and Stephanie Scionti, alternate.

Stephanie voted as member for this meeting to have quorum.

Minutes of last meeting were read and accepted.

Old business:

Budget

Mitch had worked on a proposed budget, he sought and received input from members and prepared and handed out a budget proposal for fiscal year 2014

The proposal had total revenues of \$531.00 of which \$481 would be requested from the town, the other \$50.00 would be from donations.

Expenses were broken down as follows: Conferences/ workshops ,\$125.00, School garden, \$200, Postage \$46.00, Printing \$35.00 Supplies \$125.00

During the discussion on the proposal each item was examined. It was felt that most of these expenses would be from the Annual Farm Fair. It was also felt that the workshop/ conferences item could be either for helping to defray costs of attending appropriate conferences or the commission hosting them.

Stephanie volunteered to take the lead in getting the school to start a garden project in which the commission would facilitate in any manner possible.

Bernie moved to accept the budget proposal, Mitch seconded and the proposal was adopted.

Seed saving workshop. Bernie had contacted John Sokolowski about giving a presentation on saving seeds . Several dates were discussed and it was felt that a presentation given to coincide with the next commission would be the best time. Jan 15, 2014 7pm was decided as the date. Bernie would contact John to finalize.

Notices and preparations would be made.

New Business:

2014 meeting schedule, the following dates were decided upon. 1/15, 3/19, 5/21, 6/18, 7/9, 9/17, 11/19

Mitch moved and Bernie seconded, and it was approved.

Meeting adjourned 7:58pm submitted 12/4/13 L. Campion