

Final Minutes
Bozrah Agriculture Commission
Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, September 27, 2016
7 p.m.

Present: Sarah Brush, Pat Hibbard, Amanda Fargo-Johnson, Maresi von Halem, and Donald Lathrop. Cara Kneser was absent. Glenn Pianka and Andrea Adelman were present from the public.

1. **Attendance/Introductions.** The meeting was called to order at 7:13 pm. It was noted the July meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum.
2. **Public Input.** Glenn Pianka stated that with Chad Renshaw leaving his position at Town Hall there would be someone new coming aboard to re-design and manage the website. Going forward the Town website will list Bozrah Agriculture Commission meeting minutes and agendas. Additionally Glenn noted his intention to convert the Riverwalk Town Property back into use as a hayfield for a local farmer to use and offered the Agriculture Commission an opportunity to place a sign up about the project. Glenn has also been in communication with Scott Barber, property owner adjacent to the Bozrah post office, who is interested leasing his land for hay to a farmer as well. Lastly Glenn noted that the DPW staff would no longer be maintaining the Bozrah Rural Cemetery grounds, and a request for bidders will go out for landscapers interested in mowing the cemetery. Should the Commission know any qualified bidders he asked that they please let them know about this opportunity.
3. **Review of Minutes.** Maresi von Halem made a motion to approve the minutes from June 28, 2016 as presented, Sarah Brush seconded, all in favor. The minutes were approved.
4. **Old Business**
 - **Localvore Potluck:** Cancelled for 2016.
 - **Agriculture Scholarship:** Pat had no further update to share.
 - **Alternate Commission Position:** No one has come forward interested in the open seat on the Commission. Andrea Adelman offered to fill the alternate position.
 - **Tractor Night at the Farmers Market:** Donald was in charge of organizing the event on behalf of the Commission, he reported there was a good turnout of tractors that were on display.
 - **Future Ag Events:** Commission Members briefly discussed possible ideas for future events. Offering a canning workshop was suggested.
 - **Commission Meetings and Agendas on the Town Website:** This issue was addressed earlier by Glenn Pianka during public comment.
5. **New Business**
 - **Mapping priority farms for the Department of Agriculture Preservation Small Farms Program.** Commission members actively engaged in mapping and identifying farm parcels during the majority of the meeting.
6. **Other Business:** None.
7. **Future Agendas:** Continue mapping session part 3. The group agreed it would be helpful to have the prior Bozrah Tax Assessor Assistant provide the Commission with assistance on this project if she is willing to review what the Commission had mapped to date and fill in any remaining gaps. The next step for the Commission will be to setup ranking criteria for farms in town.
8. **Announcements/Reminder.** None.
9. **Public Input.** None.

10. Adjourn – Sarah Brush made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. Maresi von Halem seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 7:00 pm