

Final Minutes
Bozrah Agriculture Commission
Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, February 28, 2017
7 p.m.

Present: Sarah Brush, Maresi von Halem, Steve Seder, Amanda Fargo-Johnson and Donald Lathrop. Pat Hibbard and Cara Kneser were absent.

1. **Attendance/Introductions.** The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm. Donald and Steve were seated.
2. **Public Input.** None.
3. **Review of Minutes.** Members present at the last meeting were unsure about some of the information as presented in the minutes from the meeting. Sarah Brush made a suggestion to table the vote until she had time to review them in more detail and make edits where appropriate.
4. **Old Business**
 - **Report on Protecting Farm Assets Event co-hosted with Lebanon and Franklin:** The event held on February 15, 2017 in Franklin was well attended and members present discussed the topic of the evening and what presenters had to share with members of the commission who were not able to attend.
 - **Future AG Events: 2017 Public Events Planning** Tentative schedule:
Second Quarter - Fields Memorial School "Getting to know local livestock". Members of the board after the recent event had questions as to the liability of board members in taking animals to the school with students and if a permission slip should be circulated ahead of time so parents are aware of the student interaction with the animals. An inquiry will be made to the First Selectman to ask the Town Attorney about these concerns.
Third Quarter - Tractor night at the Farmer's Market
Fourth Quarter - Food bank donations of extra produce to families in need
5. **New Business**
 - **Mapping priority farms for the Department of Agriculture Preservation Small Farms Program.** Continue mapping at future meetings, mapping should be concerned with important soil area identification in town.
 - **Develop priority ranking criteria for farms in town.** The need to develop ranking criteria.
6. **Other Business:** none.
7. **Future Agendas:** Members of the Commission suggested future agendas should include working on future events, doing outreach with the Bozrah History Videos that were created and more Commission interaction during the farmers market should be considered.
8. **Announcements/Reminder.** UConn one on one sessions coming up and are free to farmers for expert assistance.
9. **Public Input.** None.
10. **Adjourn** – Donald Lathrop motioned to adjourn, Steve Seder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 7:00 pm