

**Final Minutes**  
**Bozrah Agriculture Commission**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 29, 2016**  
**7 p.m.**

*Present: Sarah Brush, Pat Hibbard, Amanda Fargo-Johnson, and Maresi von Halem. Donald Lathrop and Cara Kneser were absent. First Selectman Glenn Pianka was present.*

1. **Attendance/Introductions.** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. It was noted the October 2016 meeting was cancelled due to the lack of a quorum.
2. **Public Input.** None
3. **Review of Minutes.** Maresi von Halem made a motion to approve the minutes from September 27, 2016 as presented, Sarah Brush seconded, all in favor. The minutes were approved.
4. **Old Business**
  - **Agriculture Scholarship:** Pat had no further update to share at this time.
  - **Alternate Commission Position:** Commission Members will continue follow up with potentially interested residents to fill the vacancy.
  - **Future Ag Events:** Commission Members discussed possible ideas for 2017 events. Commission members agreed to have Amanda reach out to the CT Farm Bureau as well as Franklin and Lebanon AG Commissions to see if they were again interested in hosting an educational workshop. Topic preference would be about insurance coverage, agritourism and risk and liability issues surrounding the public coming on the farm. Target date for the workshop would be February 2017.
5. **New Business**
  - **Mapping priority farms for the Department of Agriculture Preservation Small Farms Program.** Pat met with Deb Stake, former Town Tax Assessor Assistant to review the maps the Commission labeled with farm names. Deb agreed to review and fill in any of the gaps she could on the map.
  - **Develop priority ranking criteria for farms in town.** The Commission agreed to set aside a meeting in January or February 2017 to develop ranking criteria.
6. **Other Business:** Glenn discussed the SCCOG application to the CT Dept of AG, for a viability grant. Bozrah First Selectman submitted a support letter to SCCOG to be included in their application. Sarah noted that she and Dixie went to FMS cafeteria to do a veggie sampling with the food director and students of all grades. Sarah brought vegetables from Brush Hill Dairy Farm and it was a successful interaction with the students.
7. **Future Agendas:** 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 7:57 pm. Amanda Fargo-Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 7:00 pm**