

MERRIMACK AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
MINUTES
September 10, 2014

In the absence of Bob McCabe, Cindy Warhola chaired the meeting. Opened the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Present were Cindy Warhola, Eber Currier, Bess Parks. Pete Gagnon arrived at 7:25 p.m.

New Business

- (a) **Farmer's Market update:** Tom Hanlon managed the Markets on Sept. 3 and Sept. 10, 2014. \$60.00 was appropriated for a new sign for the Farmer's Market. We received an invitation to join in the Business Expo at Watson Park on Sept. 27, 2014.
- (b) **Community Garden update:** Bob McCabe had asked the gardeners who were not picking all of their crops if we could pick them and donate them to a soup kitchen. No response was received.
- (c) **Education:** There are meetings to benefit gardeners being held. One on seed saving at Shaker Village, one on preserving in Hookset. You can go onto extension.unh.edu to find a more complete list.
- (d) **Bug alert:** Alan Eaton, entomologist, says Eastern Ash Borer (EAB) is still not too high in N.H.
- (e) **Treasurer's report:** Bess said total for the Farmer's Market was \$2,348.37 and the Community Garden was \$2,109.26, making a total of \$4457.26 as of August 31, 2014.
- (f) Minutes of August 13, 2014 were read and accepted with a couple of corrections. Bess moved to accept and Eber seconded. Vote was 4-0-0.

No comments from the press or the public.

Comments from the Commissioners: Eber spoke about the complaints about rooster crowing on Baboosic Lake Road. It will be on the Town Council's agenda on Thursday, September 11, 2014. Pete had information about this problem as he has sat through many similar problems during his years of serving on the planning board. Merrimack does not have a noise ordinance but RSA 21:34A does have some land use ordinances. Pete, Bess and Eber will represent the Agricultural Commission at this meeting.

Bess moved to adjourn, Eber seconded. Adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Trudy Currier