

**Agricultural Commission  
October 19, 2010**



Meeting in room 104, 2 Jabish St., Lawrence Memorial Hall

Member present: Grace Adzima, Will Shattuck  
Associate Members: Sue Gay, Matt Kotowski  
Absent Members: Dan Beaudette, Judy Gillan, Alan Page

Also attending: Archie Archible, Board of Selectmen liaison

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G. Adzima brought the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. As there are only two voting members present, the committee will not vote on any item.

Went over the Belchertown 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary that is coming up. Grace noted that if someone comes up with an idea about farming in the 1700's please let us know. The AgComm would like to put a small paragraph together noting this town's farming history and what the town was like then.

Discussed a timeline for bringing the "excise tax on animals and farm equipment" request to repeal, to the Board of Selectmen for their vote. The AgComm will bring to the town meeting in May 2011 and ask town voters to repeal the tax to help out town farmers.

The Board of Selectmen are meeting the second and fourth Monday of each month. The AgComm will meet Nov. 16 and they could ask to be on the Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Sue will call other towns, such as Berlin, Stow, Rowley, Oakham, Cambridge and Hatfield and see if they'd share some of their information with us.

Grace read aloud a paragraph that will go to the AgComm members and then the Board of Selectmen regarding farming animals and equipment. The letter will ask for an appointment and to place a warrant article on the Annual Town Meeting.

Motion to adjourn G. Adzima, Second W. Shattuck @ 8:30 pm.

The next meeting will be November 16, 2010 at 7 pm.

Minutes submitted by S. Gay