

Agricultural Commission  
December 15, 2009

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

Member present: Grace Adzima, Judy Gillan, Daniel Beaudette  
Associate Members: Susan Gay, Alan Page

Absent Members: W. Shattuck

*Informational meeting*



Grace brought up the yearly farmer gathering. The topic will be Chapter 61, land preservation and land trusts. Dan will get some information and hand outs together regarding agricultural preservation. Grace will bring the Chapter 61 DVD by Nathan L'Otiel, of the Mass Farm Bureau, in May 2007 and offer to make copies if someone wishes to have one. Mr. L'Otiel came to Lawrence Memorial Hall and gave a presentation on Chapter 61 land use changes.

Grace gave hand outs to the members. The hand out shows a chart noting land in preservation saves towns money. She will send an invitation to the Assessors, to see if they wish to send a representative to address farmers on the Chapter 61 regulations. January 30, 2010 will be the farmer gathering, and it will be here in Lawrence Memorial Hall.

Discussed: The American Farm Trust; animal health inspection; alternative fuels; C.I.S.A workshops; statistics on farms; public health and agriculture; and economics.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is January 19, 2010.

Adjourned 8:10 pm.

minutes submitted by S. Gay