

Minutes of Belchertown Agricultural Commission, February 20th, 2007



Present: members-Grace Adzima, Jon Clement, Hope Guardenier, William Shattuck
Guests- Roxanne Austin, Dan Beaudette, Duane Whitcomb

Absent: S Gay, J Gillan, A Page, R Reidy

Meeting started 7:05.

Web Site Update

Hope reported that our web site is up and running as part of belchertown.org. It can be accessed under commissions. We hope to add to this page.

Review Farmer Outreach

Our January farmer meeting at the Town Hall was a huge success. About 25 people attended. We would like to make this an annual event and possibly do something similar during the year. Farmers really liked the idea of a Farm Market Brochure similar to what other towns have done. Since there was overwhelming support, Agcomm will proceed with the idea.

Farm Market Brochure

We then reviewed an application form which would collect information on farms and their products for sale. We will start to contact farmers, as well as leave applications at local businesses.

Zoning Bylaws

Dan Beaudette, from the Planning Board, then provided suggestions for changes to the bylaws that would be beneficial to agriculture in Belchertown. We will continue to review the bylaws and submit changes to the Planning Board for consideration.

Other

Jon Clement agreed to serve as Agcomm representative to the Community Plan Review Committee.

Adjourned 9:00

Next Meeting March 20th

Submitted by Grace Adzima

Approved 4/12/07
Endorsed by a majority of Agcomm
Members on _____

