

TOWN OF BARNSTABLE
AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE BOARD
WEST BARNSTABLE FIRE STATION
West Barnstable, MA
Board Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2008

In attendance: Bill Plettner, Max Kumin, Leslie Spencer, Tim Friary, Dave Ross, Council Liason, Hank Farnham and Mary Knoble.

Call to order: Chair Plettner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and the Minutes from the August 27th meeting were read. Leslie Spencer moved to approve the Minutes as amended; Max seconded. All in favor.

Discussion about sending approved minutes and agendas to Linda Hutchinson and to Dan Wood for the town web-site.

Old Business

Horse Manure: Chairman Plettner announced that the Barnstable Transfer Station will recycle horse manure for compost. Bill was congratulated on the successful effort for the AgCom. A discussion followed about how to notify horse-owners – The Barnstable Patriot and Channel 18 should be contacted. Also, the Health Department needs to be alerted.

Other Business

County Farm: We should contact Bill Clarke about having an Ag Com representative on planning committee. Bill Plettner offered to represent us and will call Clarke.

Right To Farm: Max Kumin submitted his recently edited version. A motion was made to approve the RTF document and another successful accomplishment was noted. Max and Hank will check with Tom Geiler, Town Attorney, Ruth Weill and the Building Inspector.

Town owned land and Land Trust land for Agriculture: Bill intends to call Jaci Barton at the Barnstable Land Trust about land use and mowing/maintenance. Mass Audubon owns the Bone Hill tract which was once in agriculture. It was agreed that we should contact Audubon about using part of it for agriculture. There is a committee for that parcel. A motion was made to recommend Tim Friary to that committee. All in favor.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Knoble

Secretary