

MANSFIELD AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE
DRAFT Minutes of April 6, 2010 meeting
Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
Conference Room B, 7:30 p.m.

1. Chairman Al Cyr, called the meeting to order at 7:35.

PRESENT: Al Cyr, Charlie Galgowski, Bill Palmer, Kathleen Paterson, Carol Stearns,
Ed

Wazer, Vicky Wetherell, Jennifer Kaufman (staff).

Also attending: Wes Bell, Meredith Poehlitz, Raluca Mocanu, Jean Bell, Bryan
Kielbania.

2. Minutes of the March 2, 2010, meeting were approved.

New Business

4. PZC Referral – Twin Ponds Farm Application

The committee considered this application for a farm stand special permit following a discussion with the applicant, Bryan Kielbania of Enviro Enterprises, LLC. The committee voted to recommend PZC approval of this application, but requested that the applicant provide information to PZC about compliance with the PDR agreement for the farm and compliance with zoning regulations for a farm stand.

5. Tax Abatements

A subcommittee was formed to research potential tax abatements for agricultural operations and report to the committee at the June meeting.

Old Business

6. Website Update

Jennifer explained that the committee could have its own page on the town's website. This will be discussed at the May meeting.

7. Agriculture Brochure

The committee reviewed a sample design and decided on a title: Mansfield Grown. Jennifer will have printed and distributed.

8. Committee membership

Jennifer reported that the Town Clerk recommended the committee have six regular members and three alternates. Others interested in helping the committee

could attend meetings and participate on subcommittees. The committee will consider this recommendation.

9. Town Council Presentation

Kathleen provided a printout of her draft Power Point. Members will review and discuss at the May meeting.

Other

10. Agriculture Zoning Regulations

Jennifer reported that Joan Nichols has reviewed the Agriculture Committee's 2007 recommendations. Jennifer will send us her comments.

11. TLGV Foodshed Plan

Jennifer reported that The Last Green Valley is drafting a foodshed plan for northeast Ct. Jennifer has requested that the Agriculture Committee receive a draft for review in the fall.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10.