

MANSFIELD AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE
DRAFT Minutes of September 2, 2014 meeting
Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building, Conference Room B, 7:30 p.m.

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

Present: Al Cyr, Charlie Galgowski, Vicky Wetherell, Shep Stearns, Ed Hall, Jennifer Kaufman (staff).

2. The committee approved the minutes of the August 5, 2014 meeting

Old Business

3. *Mansfield Tomorrow* Jennifer updated the committee about the project.

4. *Hunting on Town Leased Agricultural Land* Tabled. Jennifer is investigating insurance issues and gathering information from other towns and from DEEP/DOAG.

5. *Outreach Projects:*

A. *Joint Meeting with Regional Agcoms.* The committee is planning to meet at CLiCK with AgComs from surrounding towns during midweek in November. Jennifer will reserve a date with CLICK, then invitations will be sent out.

B. *Fire department visits to farms.* Jennifer will confirm some dates with the fire marshall, then send an email to farmers to ask if they want to sign up for a visit. The committee will review the farmers' response at the next meeting.

C. *Outreach projects.* Vicky presented outreach suggestions from an AGvocate meeting about promoting local farms. The committee is considering potential projects, including a farm-to-plate event with local restaurants, a farmers' co-op stand, a farm trail loop to add to the annual bike tour.

D. *Winter farmers meeting.* Date was tentatively set for March 11, 2015. Shep left the meeting.

Executive Session

The committee voted to go into Executive Session at 8:25 and to come out of session at 9:03. Recommendations will be forwarded to the Town Manager.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05. Next meeting will be on October 7, 2014.