

**MINUTES  
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**

**JAN 2011, FEB 9, 2011, MAR 8, 2011, APR 13, 2011**

Ag. Comm. members: John Smigelski, Meredith Scarlet, Susan Colt-Wilcox, Sean O'Neil, George Moore (Chairman, Secretary).

January, 2011, no meeting due to bad weather.

February 9, 2011: Called to order, 7:30 P.M. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Present: J. Smigelski, M. Scarlet, S. O'Neil, S. Colt-Wilcox, G. Moore.

New Business: Introduction to John Crow Farm, Owner Robert Varisco unable to attend, Dave Gilson asked to postpone intr. to another time. Jesse Steadman of New Entry Sustainable Farming introduced their program of matching new farmers to farms/ land already in operation. Proposal to ask Frank DiLuna of Mass. Farm Bureau if he would present a forum on farm/ag. legal issues, motion to do so made by M. Scarlet, seconded and voted unanimously. G. Moore will contact Mr. DiLuna. There was an inquiry on the status of Autumn Hills Orchard since the demise of the owner, Lin Harris. there was no further information.

Old Business: None.

Motion to adjourn by S. O'Neil, seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Submitted: George Moore, Secretary.

March 8, 2011: Called to order, 7:30 P.M. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Present: J. Smigelski, S. O'Neil, M. Scarlet, G. Moore

New Business: Robert Varisco and Aidan Davin introduced their C.S.A., John Crow Farm soon to be in operation on Rosenberg property, Old Ayer Road. Discussion on possibility of obtaining Historical Designation for Hazel Grove Park. Motion by M. Scarlet to explore the possibilities to obtain this designation, seconded and voted unanimously. There will be a forum by Frank Diluna on legal issues for farming/agriculture held at the Groton Grange Hall, March 29, 2011.

Other Business: none

Motion to adjourn by G. Moore, seconded and voted unanimously, meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Submitted by G. Moore, Secretary

April 13, 2011: Called to order, 7:35 P.M. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Present: M. Scarlet, S. O'Neil, J. Smigelski, G. Moore.

New Business: signage at Hazel Grove will be put in place in the next 2 weeks by M. Scarlet. Signage will explain permissible activities. The Historic Designation for H. Grove is being researched. Michael Roberts and John Ott will assist in this.

Other Business: none

Motion for adjournment by G. Moore, seconded, meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Submitted, George Moore, Secretary.