

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

Meeting of 1/11/12

Called to order: 7:30 P.M.

Members present: Meredith Scarlet, Susan Colt-Wilcox, John Smigelski, George Moore.
Guest: Michelle Collette, Planning Board

Open issues: G. Moore will check with Dan Lenthal, U.S.D.A on presenting a seminar on manure management/ composting to be jointly sponsored by the Planning board and Ag. Comm.

There was discussion on the difference between Ag. operations allowed "by right" as opposed to what requires a special permit. Example: the number of pigs exceeding Z.B. regulations.

There has been a question on the definition of "agriculture" and the amount of acreage required to qualify as an agricultural operation. It is the Ag. Comm's opinion that the definitions in the Town's Right to Farm by-law are adequate.

Hazel Grove: Meredith Scarlet will give recommendations to the Planning Board on possible agricultural activities to be held in the future at the Fairgrounds.

Meeting adjourned: 8:35 P.M., next meeting will be on 2/8/12.

Respectfully submitted
George Moore
Chairman