

January 30th Ag. Comm. Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

George Moore
Meredith Scarlet
John Smigelski
Susan Willcox

Guests:

Susan Horowitz
Russ Burke
Michelle Collette

Meeting called to order @ 6:35.

George introduced the working draft of the zoning amendment for all to review and discuss.

Informational evening for the amendment is Feb. 13th @ town hall.

Herald notice approved and submitted.

Grange and Groton local have been contacted.

Discussion:

of pigs in the amendment now might make more sense to leave that as an abutter issue to be addressed through town health regulations.

Best practices would be adopted in the near future to guide and support both pig farmers and health officer.

How best do these get enforced.

As the state regulations are set now you can call a piggery a nuisance even if a farmer is using "best practices".

Susan Horowitz expressed concerns about enforcement - town procedure versus state.

Dog and kennel questions will be fielded by Russ at the Feb. 13th meeting.

Sue Hogan -dog officer will be invited.

Submission date for the final copy of the article is March 1st.

Action items:

John and George attend Board of Health meeting next week.

Meredith to circulate opening remarks and introduction for the Feb. 13th informational meeting.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:25