

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

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Present: Nate Fogg chair, Dave Mankus vice-chair, and Tom Dube.

The meeting was never called to order and no official business was undertaken although a quorum was present.

Meeting with the Agricultural Commission

The Conservation Commission met at the Agriculture Committee meeting. The Agri Comm was interested in N Fogg's proposal to change Article 21 (Sign Ordinance) of the Zoning Ordinance. N Fogg noted that the PB did not feel the change was written clearly enough, and in light of necessary wholesale changes required because of a June 2015 US Supreme Court decision, the proposed change was tabled until at least next year. The Agri Comm also noted the importance of available land for farming. N Fogg noted that both the Residential III and Agricultural zoning districts allowed "Personal Agriculture" and that this covered at least 75% of the town land area.

The Cons Comm asked about receiving a list of operating farms in town. The Agri Comm is currently developing a list of farms that have previously existed. The Cons Comm noted that they would like to add the list to the Natural Resource Indextory.

Having a list of farming land would help the Cons Comm prioritize areas for potential conservation areas.

Being no further business before the Cons Commission adjourned with the Agri Comm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Nathan Fogg