

## Charlemont Agricultural Commission

January 28, 2025

Present: Randy Prostak, Nate Bellows, Clare Pearson

Absent: Paul Hicks, Sonny Crawford, Victoria Valenti

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

- Minutes-Minutes of 12.9.24 signed but only 2 members of the last meeting were in attendance this evening
- Permit and Business fees for Agricultural projects-Paul Hicks asked the question about a reduced rate for Agricultural permits. Sarah got the permit rates from FCCIP (Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program) with rates. We decided to bring this issue back around at another meeting
- Health Inspection Information-Randy Crochier called Randy to inform the commission about an issue with animals out of code in the center of town. Wanted Ag Commission opinion. Town by-law states that in the village, there can be no piggeries, no large ruminant animals and male fowl and animals have to be more than 100 feet from any private well. All of the animals in this case are within the 100 feet and some of the animals are not well. This is a health issue but Randy in the end seemed not to need the commission's opinion since the town by-laws are clear. This is just a courtesy note from the Health Inspector. No opinion or action necessary at the moment.
- Budget- update for FY 26. We will level fund at \$500.
- Ag Commission Member update-Randy checked with John Hoffman who is not interested currently in staying on the board. There is one seat open.
- Survey-For page one: we chose the page with the cow at the bottom left. No changes necessary. For page two: we decided on the page with the tree on the left and Blueberries on the top right. We will ask Sonny to remove the pictures on the bottom right, then as Sarah if she can put a border on both pages just where there are no pictures. Clare will return the survey to Sonny for finishing.
- Motion by Randy Prostak-decide to go with the version of page one that has the cow in the bottom left corner- as is and in page two we approved the page with the blueberries on the upper right corner and remove the bottom right corner art. There will be borders on both pages where there is no artwork. Nate Bellows seconded. Unanimous yes vote.
- Next meeting: February 17, 7pm

On a motion by Nate Bellows, and seconded by Randy Prostak, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm