

Town of Northfield Public Meeting – Minutes

Name of the board, committee, or commission: Northfield Agricultural Commission

Location of meeting (physical address): Northfield Town Hall 69 Main Street, Northfield MA 01360

Date and time the meeting convened: 9/12/23 at 7pm

Members present: 1) Jose Madiedo (JM) - Chair; 2) Kristy Norwood (KN) – Vice Chair; 3) Don Baker (DB) – Treasurer; and 4) Bill Llewelyn (BL) via phone. *via phone*

Members absent: Jesse Robertson-Dubois

Others in attendance: 1) Stacy Bond (SB); Ag Com Secretary; 2) Mary-Sue Fowler; 3) Debbie Frechette; and 4) Mallory Sullivan (Grant Development Director).

Name and contact info of the person filling out this form: Stacy Bond, stacyelizabethbond@yahoo.com

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- 1) Call to Order (7:07pm) and determine quorum
 - a. Committee has quorum.
 - b. Note: We ask committee members to please give reasonable notice if they can not attend a meeting so that meeting can be canceled if no quorum. Also to not miss more than three consecutive meetings.
 - 2) Citizen Input/Guests
 - a. No additional guest that weren't already on agenda.
 - 3) Review and approval of minutes from 7/11/23
 - a. Motion to approve by KN, 2nd by DB. Approved unanimously.
 - 4) Potential new committee members
 - a. Introductions of current committee members to guests.
 - b. Both Debbie and sister Mary-Sue grew up on a farm in Natick and have lived in Northfield for about two years now. Started new farm and are here to see what the Agricultural Commission is about.
 - 5) Mallory Sullivan introduction
 - a. Mallory Sullivan as the Grant Director is to help find money for the town for economic development. Would like to be able to support the Agricultural Commission.
 - b. Discussion of NDR (Natural Disaster Recovery) Program for Agriculture with all the rain this year. The Ag Com has already given info to a few farmers in town.
 - 6) Update of Agricultural Map
 - a. Need to update list of agricultural businesses in town. Go digital this time?
 - b. Mallory discusses visitors to Northfield and the connection to Agri-tourism. Working on a business list to go on town's website.
 - 7) Chicken noise complaint
 - a. Issue resolved itself and will revisit again with resident if necessary.
 - 8) Chairs report
 - a. None
 - 9) Agricultural presence in the 350th anniversary parade

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- a. Five Point farm is bringing some large, newer tractors plus the combine!
- 10) Topics not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours in advance
 - a. none
- 11) Schedule next meeting
 - a. Tuesday, November 14th 2023 at 7pm at Town Hall
- 12) Adjourn
 - a. Motion made by KN to adjourn at 8:15pm, 2nd by BL. Approved unanimously.


Chair
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