

## CONWAY AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

**DRAFT**

**Monday, August 12, 2019**

Meeting opened 7:10 p.m.

Members Present: Jason Silverman, Mary Parker, Kim Goddard, Betsy Pawlikowski

Absent: Susan Schroder

- Jason Silverman, Chair welcomed two new members: Kim Goddard and Betsy Pawlikowski.
- Jason then outlined the basic duties of the AgCom including Chapter 61 Right of first refusal of land by Town and agricultural disputes. Jason will make available to new members the information/duties of the AgCom as well as the Right to Farm By-Law.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Jason & Mary updated new members of a current situation regarding two neighbors on Poland Rd. having a dispute over noisy geese. At this time, neither party involved has come forward to resolve the issue. Meetings have been offered but no action at this time. One party has threatened to sue the Town for perceived 'favoritism' by the AgCom and the Town violating the Open Meeting Law.
- Update on requesting permission for larger Right to Farm signs from Ron Sweet are at a standstill. Sue Schroder was to meet with Ron and see if he would permit a larger sign. The size he wants will not display the artwork and wording needed for Right

to Farm Community for Conway. Artwork was displayed for new members.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Jason Silverman officially tendered his resignation as both AgCom Chair and Member. Jason stated the decision was difficult but commitments to his business and jobs made being an effective member stressful. He allowed that he would always be available for assistance if needed.
- Mary Parker will remain as secretary. No member wished to step up into the position of Chairperson. Jason stated he would officially notify Tom Hutchinson & Selectboard of his resignation as well as the fact the AgCom is now 'chairless'.
- Jason & Mary outlined the success of the AgCom in the 4.5 years of its existence. Working on a Right to Farm By-Law that eventually was voted in at a Town meeting. Making recommendations on Chapter 61 land and the design of Right to Farm signs were other areas accomplished.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.