

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: May 24th 2017

TIME: 7:00pm

LOCATION: Scotland Public Library Conference Room

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MEETING TITLE:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS / ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Barbara Syme	Joanna Fisher	Ian Beck	John Beck
James Dutrumble	Courtney Lawrence	Jacob Perkins	Chris Withington

1. Call to Order

7:07pm

2. Welcome / Introductions

Chris Withington local grain farmer of non GMO.

3. Committee Leader Remarks

USDA is case by case. DEEP had a handbook about best practices but it was taken down and DEEP never got back to Ian. To be continued...

Question from Barbara to inquire about feed mills for Chris. No regulation on it, he grows his ingredients so technically it's not "commercial" it falls under agriculture. We need to figure out a way to make "commercial" acceptable. We don't want to regulate we want to allow but also be conscious about your neighbor. Right to Farm act is officially accepted.

4. Agenda Items

A) Ian is to put together something in writing as far as setbacks, or requirements etc. for animals or pigs...

B) Citizens interested to put together an email to send to Barbara about your thoughts on pig setbacks and suggestions. This is due by June 21st.

5. Attendee Remarks

How or where do we define "commercial" in agriculture business? We decided that "commercial" and "agriculture" do not work together in the same sentence.

James' suggestion would be happy with 100 feet from border, 500 feet from dwelling and minimum of 5 acres to have these animals not for personal use. This is as far as setbacks for pigs, waste and housing.

Ian found a state code, Connecticut Public Health Code Section 19-13-B23 (a) also Section 19-13-B23

6. Approval of Previous Minutes

7. Chair Report

8. Voting / Reports

Motion to "audience" write proposed Setbacks and email Barbara by June 21st. Motion is by Ian. Second by Joanna and third John.

9. Meeting Policies

10. Other Business

11. Convene to Closed Session

Next Meeting June 28th 2017 at 7pm in the Scotland Public Library Conference Room

12. Adjournment

at 8:30pm

BOARD CHAIR APPROVAL:

(Signature & Date)

BOARD VICE-CHAIR APPROVAL:

(Signature & Date)
