MEETING MINUTES AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION WEARE NEW HAMPSHIRE 3 MARCH 2011

## **DRAFT VERSION**

Present: Ian McSweeney, Rick Barry, Wendy Stevens, George Malette,

Absent:, Paul Gannon, Jerry Little, Luke Drake

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm.

Minutes for 02/03/11 Ian/M Wendy S/ unanimous V/ Minutes accepted.

Pot Luck Reviewed: Ian will contact Ms. Poole to inquire about participation in the Commission.

Discussed BMP's (Best Management Practices) and agreement that BMP's should be the backbone of Commision positions.

Discussed buffer zones and the zoning considerations for being "farm friendly". Also discussed further positions in conjunction with zoning etc.

Facebook page discussed-stock response will be issued for negative comments posted to page.

Granite Beauty plaque: Decided to purchase 12x12 stone from Perry Brothers Monuments of Concord NH @ \$145. Rick/M Ian S/ unanimous V/

Conservation easements on Bolton & Purinton properties is moving forward. Selectmen to vote on the  $7^{th}$  and Conservation to vote on the  $9^{th}$ . Ag Comm supports both and members will attempt to show support by attending the meetings on the  $7^{th}$  &  $9^{th}$ . Rick/M George S/ unanimous V/

Discussed Jim Ramenak's request to speak before Commission regarding his being excused from the Weare summer farmers' market. General agreement that Jim should be heard by the Commission. Rick will contact him to let him know when next meeting is.

Discussion and examination of town maps regarding town owned land with agricultural land that is not yet under easement protection.

Discussed Farmers' Market Building give away contest and where it could go, if Weare was to win the contest.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:16 pm. Rick M/ George S/ unanimous /V Meeting adjorned.