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The Regular Meeting of the Woodbridge Agricultural Commission was convened by Chairman Chris Sorensen at 8:08 p.m. via WebEx in accordance with SB1202.

Present: Chris Sorensen, Chair; Andrea Urbano, Vice Chair; Kristyna Hulland, Steve Munno, Leland Torrence.

Present for staff: Geraldine Shaw, Clerk

MINUTES

The minutes of the December 14, 2021, meeting were approved (Munno – Urbano)

REQUEST TO BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO WAIVE TOWN PLAN AND ZONING APPLICATION FEE(S)

The Commission agreed that Chris Sorensen and Steve Munno would represent the Commission at the Board of Selectmen's meeting to request the zoning fees be waived re the Commission's application to Town Plan and Zoning for a change in regulations regarding farm stands.

REQUEST TO BOARD OF SELECTMEN FOR EXTENSION OF FARM LEASES FROM ONE YEAR TO FIVE YEARS

The Commission agreed that the presentation was an important first step in seeking longer leases, and that all members of the Commission would sign-on to the Selectmen's meeting. Kristyna Hulland said that she would explain why she was applying for a Farmland Restoration Grant and the problem of ineligibility due to the one year lease restriction.

ZONING REGULATION PROHIBITING THE KEEPING OF ROOSTERS - discussion

The Commission agreed to:

- check with other town's regulations re roosters
- to see if any resident/farmer raises the issue before questioning the regulation

ARBOR HAVEN PRESENTATION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE FORMER CCW PROPERTY – Follow-up discussion

Mr. Sorensen noted the cell tower on the property and asked about the income. Mrs. Shaw will research that information.

Mr. Sorensen said that he understands there is a need for age restricted and affordable housing in Woodbridge and asked if the Commission wants to support the proposal or some version of the proposal. Ms. Urbano said that she does not support the proposal and is a member of the group offering to purchase a conservation easement on the property. The Commission discussed holding any questions until the proposal was further along in the process or posing the questions now. It was agreed that members with questions/concerns should send them to Mrs. Shaw for discussion at the next meeting prior to sending them onto Arbor Haven.

FEBRUARY MEETING

Farm stand zoning – next steps

Requirements for extended farmland leases

Questions to Arbor Haven

ADJOURNMENT

On a non-debatable motion by Mr. Sorensen, seconded by Ms. Hulland, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,
Geraldine S. Shaw, Clerk