

Town of Bridgewater Massachusetts

Agricultural Commission

Agenda: September 24, 2019 7:30 pm

1. Designation of Minute Taker -Lori Tunewicz-Gavin
2. Roll Call/ Introduction of those Present
 - a. **Brian Alves__x__**
 - b. **Lori Tunewicz-Gavin _x__**
 - c. **David Anderson _x__**
3. Read Previous Meeting Notes-minutes accepted as read
4. Approval of Agenda-agenda approved
5. Public Comments- Pat Neary attended Pollinator Friendly community-Bridgewater Green Committee. Council member from Master Planning committee-Frank Sousa.
 - a. Reserved Time for Items Listed on Agenda
6. Read Any Communications-Annual report, Training Active Bystanders Workshop, Westport Meatworks.
7. Reports of Any Sub Committees
 - a. There are none at this time
8. Unfinished Business
 - a. Discuss any research gathered from the previous month (**on going**)-town sent Brian a map of town owned space from 2005.
 - b. New State/MAAC guidelines on available town land discussion.
9. New Business
 - a. Manure complaint (**on going until manure is removed**)
 - i. Park ave. Bridgewater roughly 20 yards of horse manure piled on property lines.
 - ii. Neighbors complaint of strong odor.

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- iii. Site visit in early summer.
- iv. The family had plans to have a container built to contain the manure. Plans are to have it taken and dumped. Current and future manure. There had been a hold up on the steel and construction of the container.
 - 1. 30-day notice to have manure removed from property given.
 - 2. What has been done since initial notice
 - 3. Expectations of manure removal. Odor and proximity to the property line. Family estimates that it will take 8-12 weeks before they will be finished.
- v. Expectations for future manure management. By the November meeting we will check in with the family again.
- b. Open topics from Ag Com
- c. Upcoming Ag Com related events
- d. Any current town issues- see above Pollinator Friendly Initiative for the town by Bridgewater Green Committee. Follow up on land use issue at the town level. Talk about Ag Com taking charge of appropriate town land and manage it for agricultural purposes, gardening, woodlot, etc.

10. Public Comments

11. Miscellaneous

12. Closed Session

13. Return to Open Session

14. Adjournment. 9:25 pm

15. Next meeting: November 5, 2019 at 7:30 pm