

County Farm & Lands Advisory Committee Meeting

County Administration Building

April 13, 2018 3:00 pm

Present: Steve Knox, Chairman; Commissioner Amanda Bevard, Vice Chairman; Sandy Brocaar (acting recording secretary); Dale Drew; Representative Mark McConkey.

Others present: Representative Ed Comeau, Georgene Sellinger
Susan Gaudette, Recording Secretary - absent;

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Quorum present? Yes

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 by Chair Steve Knox.

Minutes of prior meeting:

Mark McConkey made a motion to accept the March 29th minutes. Sandy Brocaar seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Agriculture Commissioner

The new Ag Commissioner will be invited to a future meeting.

Update on non-motorized trails: Update on non-motorized trails:

Amanda Brevard – is seeking a previous walking trail plan for 2 loops behind the nursing home. The recommendation is that the work should proceed. Towards that end, Amanda talked with the Wolfboro Voc Ed center for assistance with constructing the proposed exercise stations. Response is that that work could be put on the schedule for Fall (2018).

Georgene Sellinger reported on a recently conducted survey of 25 – 30 local equestrians from 8 of the 18 local boarding stables. This in-person survey reveals that equine trails on County Lands in Ossipee would be welcomed and used. The surveys are available to the CCLAC committee.

Leasing of Blueberry “Patch”

Commissioner Brevard reported on the issuance of a RFP for leasing of the blueberry field. This should be appearing in local newspapers shortly. There is a short window given for responses and an initiation to contact Will DeWitt for more information.

Discussed additional venues for announcement – SBFNH and NH Veg and Berry groups. Sandy Brocaar will send Amanda the email contacts.

Representative McConkey suggested a “Save Our Blueberries” campaign in case the blueberry field is not leased this spring/summer as a way to prevent further deterioration of the planting’s conditions.

2018 RFP Scope:

Wide ranging discussion on focus areas for the feasibility study and thus the RFP.

A consensus reached that one **task** within scope of the feasibility study is to conduct a survey of interest on conducting Production Ag and/or Agricultural Learning on the County Lands. Thus, one of the **deliverables** would be to report on the result of such a survey.

A motion to adjourn was made at 5:13 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Sandra Brocaar, Acting Recording Secretary