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Town of Halifax, MA

Agcom meeting

Attendees: (via telephone) Suzanne Emerson, Sheila O'Handley (excused-Joanne Smith)

Old business;

Due to COVID-19, Agcom had not had participants for 17 months.

May 27, 2021 Agcom Webinar held by MAHB (Massachusetts Association of Health Boards. Suzanne Emerson attended. Discussion on NEW law passed Jan of 2021 (MGL section 31 of Chapter 111 (an act providing for agricultural commission input on Municipal Board of Health. A meeting recording was sent out to all participants.

New business;

Janice Hayward submitted a talent bank form and will be appointed to the board June 22th.

Previous member to be re-appointed June 22 at Selectmen meeting (Sheila O'Handley and Joanne Smith

There is an Upcoming Agcom Bootcamp offered by MAAC on June 28th to discuss/learn more on amended law was passed – MGL section 31 of Chapter 111 (an act providing for agricultural commission input on Municipal Board of Health.

Suzanne Emerson spoke with Laura Sapienza-Grabski/MAAC Chair. MAAC is offering Zoom or in person Bootcamps for towns interested to learn more how BOH and Agcom can work together. She suggested attendees to be Agcom members, BOH, the Selectmen, the community, the Animal Inspector.

Discussed reaching out to our BOH to set up a meeting (greet and meet newly appointed board) Would like to discuss the desire to work with the BOH on agcom related topics.

There is an annual Farm Bureau dinner set for August 30 at the Lakeside Villa/Halifax. RSVP by August 23rd to Lisa Blair at 508-866-9150

Need to find out if town of Halifax holds a membership for Farm Bureau, and if not Agcom need to decide if we should obtain one. (membership holders receive a farm bureau handbook yearly.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:45pm

Submitted respectively,

Suzanne Emerson