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HALIFAX TOWN CLERK

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Town of Halifax, MA

Agcom meeting – was held at Town Hall

Attendees: Suzanne Emerson, Sheila O’Handley, Joanne Smith, Janice Hayward,

Agenda –

MFBF (Mass Farm Bureau)

BOH – amendment/law

MAAC

MAHB (BOH) Mike Hugo

MDAR (mass dept of Agric)

SEMAP (Southeastern Massachusetts Agricultural Partnership)

Old 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.)

New business.

We discussed new Bill - Amendment effective bill called “an act providing for agricultural commission input on municipal board of health regulations”

Suzanne will reach out to BOH to see if we can take 15 minutes at a meeting to meet and discuss us supporting any needs. An offering that MAAC willing to do a bootcamp with us including selectmen and AI.

Reach out to Animal Inspector to also invite or meet at some point.

MFBF farm bureau annual dinner. RSVP by 8/23 for dinner on August 30 6pm for cocktail – 7pm dinner

Meeting Adjourned at

Submitted respectively,

Suzanne Emerson