

Minutes

Charlestown Agricultural Preservation Committee

Meeting October 24th 2018

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by President Noel Rowe. Those attending were Noel Rowe, Susan Barrett, Michael Merner, and John Barrett.

2. A quorum was present.

3. The minutes of the previous meeting of July 12, 2018 were reviewed. John Barrett proposed and Michael Merner seconded approval. The minutes were unanimously approved.

4. OLD BUSINESS

Nominations are needed for another alternate. We are now four members and one alternate. We should have two alternates and so the search continues for the second alternate.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Noel mentioned that there are a series of meetings coming up which deal with farm transitions. There is a Farm Transition Workshop in Warwick on December 11, 2018, January 19, 2019, and February 8, 2019. Noel also reported that the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Division of

Agriculture held a public hearing on October 17, 2018 at 5PM at DEM, Room 300, 235 Promenade Street in Providence which pertained to amended Rules and Regulations for the enforcement of the Farm, Forest, and Open Space Act. All related information including the public notice and draft rule is posted on the Secretary of State website at the following address: <https://rules.sos.ri.gov/promulgations/part/250-40-20-1>.

7. Public comment: There was none.

8. Adjournment: Noel Rowe made a motion to adjourn and Mike Merner seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm.