

Town of Canandaigua

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Canandaigua, New York 14424

AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020, 6:00 P.M.

Meeting Called by:	Bob DiCarlo, Chair	
Committee Members:	Bob DiCarlo Tim Riley, Vice Chair Gary Davis	Ray Henry Gary Jones Fernando Soberon (absent)
Town Representatives:	Doug Finch, Town Manager	Sarah Reynolds, Administrative Coordinator

- **CALL TO ORDER**

- The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:04 pm.

- **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

- Ag Committee members were invited to attend the February 24th volunteer and 2020 project kick-off meeting to represent the Committee.
- Doug mentioned that we still could use a few more people on the committee. Someone suggested that we reach out to Wegmans Organic Farm to see if they have someone who would be interested.
- Sarah thanked Bob for his contribution to the last newsletter – Fun Facts. There was a discussion about the Ag Committee’s future newsletter contributions. Tim Riley agreed to write an article for the March issue.
- There was a discussion about the old Genecco produce stand next to Ace Hardware on St Rt. 332 and the possibility of local growers using it as a year-round market. If someone local wanted to spearhead this project, it has the potential to be a great resource for both community members and growers. Tim Riley said he would contact the Canandaigua Farmers’ Market to talk to them about it.

- **REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**

- There was a brief discussion of the survey for the Comprehensive Plan update and the comments that community members provided relative to agriculture. It was agreed that the Ag Committee should review these comments and discuss them at the next meeting.
- The Ag law has been placed on the Town Board agenda for March due to some recent

- changes. The Committee discussed that a further review would be a good idea.
- Sarah will email both the survey and the ag law to the committee.

- **REFERRALS**
 - There were no referrals this month

- **NEW BUSINESS**
 - Election of Officers – Tim Riley was elected to Vice Chairperson. Bob DiCarlo made the motion, Ray Henry 2nd.
 - Bob agreed to keep notes of the meetings until a secretary is chosen.
 - 2020 Schedule was edited and approved
 - Implementation Plan was reviewed and updated
 - Dennis Brewer attended to represent the Special Events Committee and to discuss the 4th of July parade float. The Events Committee had some suggestions for ideas and the Ag Committee would like the Events Committee to consider representing the many types of agricultural operations in the Town on the float. The Ag Committee also suggested that a handout be printed with a list of Town farmers and what they produce.
 - Casey Kunes will be coming to a future meeting (possibly March 26) to discuss the Town's participation in the County Fair (July 21-25, 2020).

- **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING TOPIC**
 - MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:00PM.
 - MARCH 5, 2020 -
 - MARCH 26, 2020 – Casey Kunes will come to discuss the Town's role in this year's County Fair