

9/2/2105

Meeting called to order 6:00

Pete, Matt, Tyler Alex Andrea, Ruth

Update on Sunnyfield Farm situation. Crotched Mtn wants Ruth & Dan to leave by June '16. Want them out because they are going to do their own farm, want to move students into house. Looking into moving milking parlor to fourwinds. Crotched doesn't want cows.

Tyler asked how long they have been there...12 years. No lease.

We are concerned about crotchet not having a plan.

Tyler reminded everyone of the town's vision plan from last year. Agriculture weighs heavy in the future of Peterb.

It's about supporting our local food system. Supporting Sunnyfield and separating out Ruth & Dan.

Jim Hafner from Land for Good didn't see how they could help.

Write a letter to Don Shumway in support of Ruth & Dan to stay at Sunnyfield

Reach out to Open Space Committee to get them on board. Francie might be willing to go to the meeting. Sunnyfield advisory board will approach Crotchet.

Draft letter...

Our mission- The purpose of the Agricultural Commission shall be to protect agricultural lands, preserve rural character, provide a voice for farmers, encourage agricultural-based businesses and activities, and provide educational opportunities for home gardeners.

As such we would like to express our deep concern about potentially losing this the last dairy farm in Peterborough.

Currently Sunnyfield produces annually:

Motion to approve the draft letter, seconded. Passed.

Farmer John is willing to come on the Ag Commission

Matt is going to Elementary school in 2 weeks to do snack time

Get a in article in the paper thru Benji.

Conval kids can take Farmer Training.

Thom and Char - Bennington Gardens bringing ducks and geese

Marketing ideas for the Ag Com. A flyer to put around town. Anywhere Cornucopia has promo stuff we can too,.

Megan Roy is going to be appointed as a member of the commission. Voted in by everyone present.

Motion to adjourn 7:00