

MINUTES

Charlestown Agricultural Preservation Committee

Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 7 PM

Charlestown Town Hall, Vault Area

4540 South County Trail

Charlestown, Rhode Island 02813

Meeting called to order at 7:05PM by Noel Rowe.

Attendees: Noel Rowe, Michael Merner, Susan Barrett(alternate), John Barrett(alternate)

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2014 made by Mike Merner seconded by Sue Barret.

Noel Rowe reported no new business communication from outside the Committee membership.

Susan Barrett identified three farms to add to the Committee's farm list.

Michael Merner reported that Tom Ready wants to change the name of his farm from Cedar Valley to Schusters (est. 1890) Farm dealing in hay, mulch and pasture.

Noel Rowe passed around an updated list of farms based on the previous meeting's inputs.

The Committee discussed checking the links to the websites of the farms on our list for the Charlestown website.

The Committee discussed changing the website to refer to the new governor Gina Raimondo instead of Lincoln Chafee.

Suggestions to add to the links on the website the RI Farm Bureau, Little Rhody, RI Native Plants, the RI Plant Society and the Future Farmers of America.

A suggestion was made that we use a pictures of Charlestown farms on the website instead of the generic farm scene which we have now.

A request was made for a list of Charlestown statutes and zoning ordinances which apply to the areas of interest to this Committee. With that list we can attempt to keep up with the seemingly constant flow of changes and spot impacts to Charlestown farms.

Motion to adjourn The meeting was made by Mike Merner and seconded by Sue Barret.

Meeting ended at 8:16PM.