

## **Minutes of the July 25, 2018 Charlestown Agricultural Preservation Committee**

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:06PM by President Noel Rowe. Those present were Noel Rowe, Jayne Merner Senecal and John Barrett.

2. A quorum was present.

3. The minutes of the meeting of April 18, 2018 were reviewed and approved. Although we noted in that meeting that we are a committee, John Barrett noted that we are still referred to in numerous places as a commission and that we still need another alternate member.

4. Old Business: After email consultation with the committee, Noel Rowe submitted a letter to the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association wherein he stated that the committee supports the Wild and Scenic Stewardship Plan for the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed. Noel wrote "We do not think it will affect farmers in Charlestown as long as good agricultural practices are followed as per the Department of Environmental Management guidelines. We think it will help the town preserve open space, encourage passive recreation, and aid tourism which may help farms."

5. New Business: We welcomed our new alternate member Jayne Merner Senecal. Jayne is the daughter of Michael Merner who unfortunately could not attend the meeting tonight

6. We wish to thank the clerk of the Charlestown Council for sending the members of the committee tickets to the Charlestown Seafood Festival.

7. Jayne Merner Senecal spoke of several plans and services she is aware of which are designed to help farms and farmers transition to the next generation. We discussed to several ways in which we might consider disseminating information to the farming community. She will send contact information to possible alternate member. We look forward to developing Jayne's input in future meetings.

8. Public Comment: There was none.

9. Noel Rowe proposed and Jayne Merner Senecal seconded adjournment at 8:20PM.

**APPROVED October 24, 2018**