

TOWN OF WESTHAMPTON
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE : 09/08/2020

CALLED TO ORDER : 7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Holt, Rick Tracy, Art Clapp, Jack Moynihan

OLD BUSINESS : NONE

NEW BUSINESS :

Barbara Pellesier complained that Brad Morse was inconsistent in notifying her when he intends to spray his crops in the adjacent field. Last year he did comply with their agreement but is no longer doing so. This was the second time she has complained to the commission about his spraying without providing the advance notice Brad had agreed to do. Discussion centered on the commission's lack of authority in the matter. Barbara suggested that Art Clapp who is the owner of the property amend the lease to require Brad to give the abutters notice. Arthur Clapp , who had recused himself from this discussion, informed Barbara Pellesier that he believes Brad Morse is following " Best practices" in his operations and will not place restrictions in the lease. He said Brad is more than 100 Feet from her dwelling. Arthur indicated that he would try to get Brad to move the crops that need to be sprayed to the other side of the field. Barbara indicated that would not be an acceptable alternative to the notice requirement. Barbara also indicated that she had spoken with the State and was told the Health commissioner would have the authority to make a decision on the matter.

The Agriculatural Commission then recommended that she pursue her other options.

Steve Holt recommended that the Commision post a request in the Belltower for a listing of all active farms in town. Passed

CORRESPONDANCE : NONE

OTHER ISSUES NOT ANTICIPATED AT TIME OF POSTING: NONE

SELECT DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS : TO BE DETERMINED

ADJOURNMENT : 7:30 PM