

Rochester Agricultural Commission

Meeting Minutes

March 08, 2022

7:00 PM

Meeting held in the conference room of the Town Hall.

Members present; Chairman Brad Correia, Steve Harding, Bill Chamberlain, and Carl MacDermott.

Meeting called to order at 7:19 PM.

New member Carl MacDermott introduced and welcomed to the Commission.

Discussion concerning the Right to Farm Disclosure Notification. The need to have a cleaner copy. How best to have real estate brokers dealing with houses and land in Rochester include the notification when selling property in Rochester.

Discussion concerning a complaint received at the town hall in June 2021. A resident on Dr. Braley Road sent an email complaining about goats that were located next to their property and were very noisy. After an investigation by the Commission and the Rochester Animal Control Officer the complainant advised of the results and was satisfied. The complainant indicated that the goats were not a problem.

Chairman Correia informed the Commission members about his efforts regarding the Rochester Farmers Facebook Page and how it can be beneficial to the Agricultural Commission. He

stated that the participants can bring issues facing farmers to the organization as a whole and if necessary, bring that issue to the Commission.

A farmers group can be beneficial to all farmers as they can share information regarding farming and who has a particular product available based on quantity and season.

He indicated that they are over one hundred participants.

Under new business the Commission discussed how we can be of assistance to the Rochester Fair Committee and their efforts to revive the fair.

Discussion on reorganization of the Commission which will occur at the next meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for April 12, 2022, beginning at 7 PM in the conference room of the Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Date Approved 4-12-22

Chairman Correia 