

# Tuutonboro Agricultural Commission    12/15/2016

Meeting held at 74 Winter Harbor Way, Mirror Lake; 10:00 AM, 12/15/16.

In attendance: Sue Wingate, Ron Sundquist, Joan Magrauth, Karen Nemeth re: conference call, and Carolyn Sundquist.

1. Mission Statement and Rules of Procedure: Need to refine our mission statement and “vision” for the TAC (Tuutonboro Agricultural commission).
  - Defining the “vision” is necessary to developing mission statement and input to the Master Plan;
  - Discussed what the term “agriculture” encompasses – Karen will review the RSAs and provide input;
  - Reviewed some other Towns’ Rules and Procedures.
2. Master Plan: Need to review applicable sections of the Lakes Region Plan - Sue will get copies to members.
3. Additional members:
  - Set the membership at 5 members and 2 alternates;
  - Need to recruit new members with expertise/backgrounds in some aspect of agriculture to broaden the knowledge base of members and to best serve the community;
  - Maybe make some additional contacts through the Grange, Bee group, Master Gardeners?
4. Discussed need to set priorities:
  - We have a lot of needs and suggested projects that have to be addressed as we get organized;
    - a. Finalize “vision” and Mission Statement/Rules and Procedures;
    - b. Master Plan input;
    - c. Identify historical farms (distinction between A - **Historical** and B - **Working** (Spiderweb, Hunter - syrup/trees) and C – **Forestry**);
    - d. Identify current conservation easements applicable to “agricultural” properties;
    - e. Check on Barn Easements - Sue Weeks, Jackie Rollins, Historical Society, they have much info;
    - f. Update the TAC web page;
    - g. Harvest Home celebration;
    - h. Business cards (Ron Sundquist);
    - i. Setting up programs for the community;
    - j. Manage the Community Garden;
    - k. Tuutonboro Central School – Butterfly garden and eventual greenhouse
    - l. Support for the County Farm.

- As a group we need to prioritize these and tackle them in an organized manner.

Next meeting:

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