

TAC meeting June 6, 2017
9:30 AM

Members present: Sue Wingate, Ron Sundquist, Natalie Hebden, Dina Farrell, Karen Nemeth and Joan Magrauth. Mike Haeger absent

Minutes of 5/9/2017 accepted

Discussion re: State & Federal regulations on retail sales of agricultural products; Karen will investigate as relates to economic development. Observation was that economic development would be limited far as numbers of employees went as most farming pursuits are homegrown.

Farmers Markets: Tuftonboro?

Tamworth market is year round and draws a goodly number of people due in part to it's proximity to route 16 and related neighboring businesses. It has become a destination.

Wolfeboro Market is seasonal on Thursday afternoons and limits participation to what is grown; no fiber crafts allowed.

If we were to initiate a Tuftonboro Farmers Market participation would be limited by: 'what you grow or produce must show a connection to the land'.

Town Garden: Karen

Plots have been rented, all have been encouraged to keep this as a show place of town garden plots. Sign to be moved.

The Pollinator garden:

Ready to plant. Karen, Joan and Natalie to get it done.

Composting: Ron attending the Municipal Composting Seminar which was very interesting. Mark A. King offered a stimulating discussion on the methods and viability of municipal composting as well as the pros and cons of materials. Mark A King is an Environmental Specialist; he is available to give presentations and information; contact: www.maine.gov/dep

Wood products with Wendy Scribner is postponed until fall.

Our focus now is the following:

1. 10 year plan - getting our input done
2. Pollinator garden
3. directory of Tuftonboro agricultural related business
4. Old Home Day - set up a local market

Mike is working with the school on educational aspects to integrate agriculture into the curriculum.

Ron suggested that we might be able to have the boy scouts help, in some way, as a community project

Town Maps - Mark Howard is offering tutorials on the town mapping. Sue will forward his information to those who are interested.

New Business:

Old Home Day, August 26 & 27.

Tuftonboro Association will have a tent - we want a presence
Picnic and Car Show
Farmers Market site to be determined

Tuftonboro Times

TAC article - Sue will write
Farmer Profile - Dina Farrell (Joan will interview and write article, Ron will do the photo)

Pollinator Garden: photos before and after to the website.

July 10, 2017 next meeting

Meeting adjourned 11:45 AM