

**Barnstable County Agricultural Society
Board of Directors Meeting
August 21, 2019**

Present: Lynn Barry, Pat Briggs, Judy Collins, Judy Flynn, Susan Fitzpatrick, Jeff Forte, Virginia Glennon, Joyce Lindberg, Peter Lindberg, Don McCarthy, Joanne McCarthy, Dot Motta, Phil Motta, Russell Norton, Cindy Ogden, Jerry Ogden, Jay Zavala, and Wendy Brown.

Absent: Joe Amaral, Randy Aronson, Marie Austin, Joe Brait, Chuck Burrige, Brenda Gardner, Ann Jarvis, Pat Riley, Karen Schwalbe, Robert Silvia, Robert Speakman, Don Utti, Jude Vollmer, Mark Vollmer, Carolyn Weeks, Doris Weeks, Robert White, Kelly Connerton, and Belinda Rubinstein.

Meeting called to order at 6:15 PM

Please note: A quorum was not established. Those present were informed that no substantive actions can be taken on certain items on the published agenda. They include:

Old Business: Item number 1 (acceptance of minutes from previous 2 meetings)

New Business: Item 3 (Nominating Committee Report)

Old Business:

Solar update: Jay and Wendy have met with Solsystems, Falmouth Building Commissioner and Town Planner. All town representatives looking forward to solar coming in. Start date should be established soon. Meeting held for abutters in regards to solar plan and only 2 people came and both were from Town of Mashpee. Lot 2 will not be included in the plan for solar, will be looking for alternate areas to make up for not using Lot 2. Jay and Wendy to meet with the Town of Mashpee, who are requesting a fence to be put up. Solsystems will install fences.

Tax update:

Will have to pay taxes on events that are not considered nonprofit, parking lots, cell tower and solar.

Looking into proportionality so only to be taxed on certain events. All the information is with the attorneys for determination of taxes. We are currently taxed on 365 days a year and on all acreage. Increase in taxes will be negotiated in Sol Systems contract. Currently the Town of Falmouth is happy with all the events that are going on with the grounds.

Don McCarthy asked if there is anything in the cell tower lease about the taxes? It is considered all part of Lot 3.

New Business:

Fair update and Financials:

Phil Motta looking for clarification on finance report, Wendy directed everyone to the Portal for a full copy of the P & L.

Peter Lindberg noting that commercial building was way down from previous years, Pat Briggs stated difficulty getting interest in building and would welcome suggestions for future.

Resource Building:

Many people wanted all 7 days instead of just the weekend. Several Authors were in attendance for book signings and was well received. Joanne McCarthy thanked everyone involved in the resource building for making it so successful this year. Many compliments on the changing/nursing center, Thank you Peter for building.

Joanne McCarthy also showed her appreciation of the Admin Café for adjusting for many peoples' dietary restrictions.

Harvest Festival:

September 28th and 29th from 10-4. We have gone in house for vendors this year and have approximately 20 crafters scheduled. Russ Norton is working on a lot of farm vendors participation. Committee meets Wednesday August 29th
New no smoking and no vaping signs presented.
Cindy Ogden thanked everyone who helped with the Volunteer dinner it was a nice evening.

Pat Briggs motioned to adjourn, 2nd by Judy Collins, meeting adjourned at 6:53PM

Respectfully Submitted by

Susan Fitzpatrick
Secretary

NEXT MEETING:

September 18, 2019 EBOARD 5PM
September 18, 2019 Annual Board Meeting 6PM