

**Thursday, January 15, 2015, 7pm**

Town Hall, Nickles Room

Present: Leslie Thomas, Steve Huberman, Andrew Rodgers, Peter Mastromarino

- Approved minutes from November 17 meeting.
  
- Discussed December movie night event
  - All felt it was a great kick-off event! Over 40 attendees, lively discussion.
  - Main take-aways: Need to have a contact sheet at the next event so people can leave their contact information if they want to be alerted to future events & information. Also we'll plan to have a suggestion/comment box available so people can tell us what types of events or activities they might be interested in for the future.
  
- Discussed next event in March:
  - Ridge Shinn to discuss rotational livestock grazing
  - Saturday, March 14, FRS Union Hall, 7-8:30pm
  - Launa has coordinated most of the details, and it all looks good! We just have to make sure that we do indeed have the space booked with FRS.
  
- Farm Directory:
  - The website has a start to the Farm Directory. We discussed the need to get more people listed. We will have to be more proactive in getting the word out. We can, for instance, see if any gardeners at the Farmers Market or at Foss Farm would want to be included.
  
- Other events: Leslie has a tie to Jeremy Ogusky (featured in the current issue of *Edible Boston*), a local potter and fermentation advocate. A workshop on how to ferment foods to prolong and preserve the harvest would be a good event for late summer.
  
- Farm tours: We discussed organizing farm tours this summer. It is a great idea, and will require further organization and coordination. The Garden Club tours are a natural model to consider emulating.
  
- Town Master Plan: Our current understanding is that there is no new Town Master Plan under development, but one will almost certainly be updated / developed soon. When and if it is, we should be sure to have our voices heard as far as how the agricultural needs and interests of the town are considered and represented.

7:45pm - Adjourned

Action items:

- Launa: Continue to spearhead the Ridge Shinn event in March. Make sure the FRS space is booked, and let us know if you need any help with anything. Thank you so much!
- Judy plans to submit her letter to the Mosquito soon. No changes were deemed necessary, but she can add any details she might want about the December movie night or the upcoming event in March as she sees fit.
- Steve H.: Will check on Town Master Plan status.
- ALL: Spread the word on the Farm Directory to anyone you think might be interested in being listed.
- ALL: Start thinking about what you'd like the Farm Tours to look like this summer: format, theme, schedule, etc.