

Knox Agricultural Advisory Committee

Meeting of June 19th, 2019

Knox Town Hall

Meeting Summary

Members Present: Jessica Gaige, Gary Kleppel

Members Absent: Jay Francis, Joshua Rockwood, Brian Wilson, Betty Ketcham, Ken Saddlemire

7:00	Convene		
	Old business		
	Webpage – Gary Kleppel	30 min	
	Community Bulletin Board, Banner Photo, Featured Farm Photo		
	Farm Day Event – Amy Pokorny	10 min	
	Farm Transition -	20 min	
	Gary Kleppel & Ken Saddlemire Set Dates; discuss sub-committee activities		
	New business		
	Pork regulations -	25 min	
	Betty Ketcham & Maggie Taylor		
	AAC mission statement – Gary Kleppel	15 min	
	Discussion & Comments	20 min	
9:00	Adjourn		

Old Business

Webpage – The committee and other residents who were present looked at numerous photos of Gaige Farms that Jessica Gaige took. She will select four of these to put up on the Seasons of Farming section of the AAC web page.

Farm Day – The committee decided to present a poster at Farm Day. Also, Amy Pokorny, Knox's liaison to the event reported that Emily Vincent desperately needs volunteers. If you can spare a little time to help, please get in touch with Amy Pokorny or Gary Kleppel

Farm Transition – The committee decided to hold the Farm Transition Workshop in November and to schedule individual meetings with attorneys and financial advisors who will provide services. Thus far, one attorney and one advisor are likely to serve. We will ask the town attorney to help us find additional attorneys to help out.

New Business

Pork Regulations – With limited committee attendance prevented a complete discussion of this issue, but it was decided that Gary Kleppel would go before the ZBA and explore the possibility of obtaining special use permits for farmers wishing to raise pigs in Knox until the issue can be brought to

the attention of the Town Board and Planning Board. Kleppel also agreed to contact Tom Wolf, chair of the Planning Board and raise the issue with him.

AAC Mission Statement – Various iterations of the AAC were considered and one was accepted.

Submitted July 12, 2019

By Gary Kleppel