

Knox Agricultural Advisory Committee

Meeting of July 17th, 2019

Knox Town Hall

Meeting Summary

Members Present: Jay Francis, Jessica Gaige, Gary Kleppel, Joshua Rockwood, Ken Saddlemire, Brian Wilson

Members Absent: Betty Ketcham,

7:00 Convene

Old business

Farm Day – Amy Pokorny

Hog and Swine Farm Zoning

Gary Kleppel & Ken Saddlemire

Farm Transition -

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New business

Town Newsletter – let's get something in there

Discussion & Comments

9:00 Adjourn

Old Business

We began with a spontaneous discussion about helping the community to gain a better understanding of what farmers do for the community. Jessica Gaige will look into getting information on the Town's Facebook page.

Farm Day – Amy Pokorny emphasized the need for volunteers to drive golf cart shuttles; Gary Kleppel will contact Earl Barcomb to find out if he can engage BKW FFA students to help out. The committee decided that instead of a poster featuring farming in the Town of Knox, we will produce a Power Point presentation that will loop continuously during the event. Gary Kleppel will produce a draft presentation for the next AAC meeting.

Farm Transition – The committee decided to schedule the Farm Transitioning Workshop for either November 9 or 16, depending on availability of potential agency and organization presenters. The individual meetings with attorneys and financial planners will be held in early March. It was decided that November workshop will be open to everyone, whether are residents of Knox or not. We will be looking into finding ways to advertise the event.

New Business

Newsletter – The committee decided to look into getting information into the town's newsletter. Gary Kleppel will contact the Town Clerk for instructions on how to do that. We will need someone to be the liaison to the newsletter producers.

Discussion & Comments

The committee resolved to have a presence at the 2020 Altamont Fair. To be discussed at future meetings