

Mayor's MAG-ARP

Meeting Minutes

1.10.19

Attendees:

Eric Cousens
William Sylvester
Alfredia Fournier

Peter Moore
Kathy Shaw
Mayor Levesque

Maurice Keene
Chris Carson
Holly Lasagna

Brian Carrier

Introductions were done

Committee discussed the responses on definitions that they received back from Stephanie Gilbert/State Department.

The committee would like to recommend to the Planning Board that Bed and Breakfast should be listed as a permitted use in the Ag Zone.

Discussion in-regards to how many animals were allowed on a property

Wayside Farm Stands changed to Farm Stands and committee would like to recommend to Planning Board to NOT recommend a % bases of items grown on the farm (agricultural product)

OPEN CONVERSATION

Leroy Walker – Auburn Resident and City Councilor Ward 5, Thanks the committee for everything they are doing as its been a long time needed.

Julia Harper – Good Food Council of LA – Wanted to thank the committee for all it was doing and to invite the committee, city staff and residents to their conference on March 7, 2019 at the Auburn Community Sr Center. Information can be found at goodfood4la.org

Committee Conversation:

Committee started to discuss the 10 Acre rule. Committee would like to recommend that lots established as of 1.1.18 with 3+ acres will become buildable lots. They must meet the income guidelines set forward by these changes and must be farming to have a dwelling. Lots in excess of 20+ acres can be split after 5 years of this adoption and once every 5 years thereafter with the approval of the Agricultural Commission (if formed, name to be determined). No new lots under 10 acres to be made.

Motion to accept this by Holly Lasagna, 2nd by Alfredia Fournier - 6 approved 2 Opposed

OPEN CONVERSATION:

Barbara Keene – North River Road, believes that this is unfair to the ones who have owned the land before this new amendment. Wants to make sure the committee really thinks about this because she doesn't want the committee to regret their decision in 30-50 years.

Michelle Malaragno – Trapp Road, is concerned with the increase in buildable lots/development that taxes and such will go up forcing larger tract farms to have to split and sell off some land.

Leroy Walker – talked about not changing taxes for farmers. Keeping the tax rate where it is for those that are farming.

Next Meeting to be held Tuesday January 22, 2019 at 5:30AM