**The Whately Agricultural Commission Minutes**

**Tuesday May 4, 2021**

**7:00 PM by Remote Meeting**

Attendees: Doug Coldwell -Chairman

 John Devine- Secretary

 Margaret Christie- Member

 Bill Obear-Member

 Jim Golonka- Member

 Nicolas Jones- Guest

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:07 PM

Accessory Dwelling Amendment- Whately Planning Board member Nicolas Jones provided an overview of the Amendment and the restrictions for new construction.

Review of the 3/18/2021 Minutes- The members in attendance review and approved the Minutes as presented.

Resource Replacement Fees for Solar Installations- The members reviewed and discussed the proposal and agreed to support the initiative. They supported the planning Board’s initiative as a good way preserve the town’s farmland with CPA funding.

Whately Agricultural Summary for the Open Space Committee- As requested by the Open Space Committee, an updated version of farming activities along with the corresponding database had been submitted.

FY2021 Budget Question-The Members agreed to donate a sum of money to the memorial fund of local farm worker killed in a truck accident while delivering farm-producer in Boston. John agreed to investigate the administrative details of this type of donation.

Community Preservation Act (CPA) Committee report - No new activity to report at this meeting.

Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) Status Report-No new activity to report at this meeting.

New Business- No new activity to report at this meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting concluded and adjourned at 7:52

Respectfully Submitted

John Devine

Whately Agricultural Commission- Secretary