

## **Franklin Agricultural Commission**

### **Meeting Minutes from May 2, 2018**

#### **Municipal Building 355 East Central Street**

**In Attendance:** *Carly Fisher, Tim Garboski, Nick Hoffmann, Linda Noel, Jeff Perry, Marian Szymanski, and Roger Trahan*

#### **1. Opening:**

- A.** Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Carly Fisher.
- B.** Roll Call: All members present.
- C.** Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from the 3.21.18 Meeting were unanimously approved.

#### **2. Old Business:**

- A.** MAAC membership. Marian Szymanski reported that the Franklin Agricultural Commission is now a member of MAAC. Marian will send a copy of the monthly MAAC newsletter to all of the members of the Commission.
- B.** Use of cable TV station/local radio stations: Linda Noel met with Peter Fasciano, the Executive Director of the Franklin Radio Station (WFPR). Peter explained how to go about creating Public Service Announcements for the Agricultural Commission. Linda will coordinate the PSAs for the Commission.
- C.** Booth at the FDP's Strawberry Stroll/harvest Festival: Marian Szymanski reported that the Agricultural Commission is now a member of the FDP and will thus have a table at both events. Marian will contact Beth to ask that all of the agricultural booths be grouped together.
- D.** Brochure: Marian Szymanski showed the Commission members a rough draft of the brochure for the AgCom. Marian will send the rough draft to Karen Sjoberg to create the final product.
- E.** Outreach to Franklin residents who own 61A and 61B properties: A suggestion was made that a mailer be sent to all of the town's agricultural property owners explaining the benefits of becoming a 61A or 61B property and offering the assistance of the Agricultural Commission when necessary.

#### **3. New Business:**

- A.** Members of the Franklin Agricultural Commission have been invited to meet with the members of the Holliston the Medway Agricultural Commissions on 5/16/18 in Holliston.
- B.** Charles River Farm: Property owner Andy Dellea and Amanda Cavaliere from Guerriere & Halnon, Inc. Engineering & Land Surveying, attended the meeting to

explain an on-going conflict between Mr. Dellea, the owner of Charles River Farm located at 107 Elm Street, Franklin, and an Agent of the Franklin Conservation Commission. A draft copy of a letter from Francis A. Di Luna, an attorney from Smolak & Vaughan Attorneys At Law, to Mark G. Cerel, ESQ. was distributed to members of the Commission. The Commission members unanimously voted that Carly Fisher and Linda Noel will meet with the Town Administrators to discuss the situation and that members of the Agricultural Commission may visit Charles River Farm to see the area in question.

- C. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by Jeff Perry and Roger Trahan at 9:00pm  
Minutes submitted by: Marian Szymanski