

Franklin Agricultural Commission
Meeting Minutes from September 28, 2020
Virtual Meeting using Google Meets

In Attendance: Members Present: *Carly Fisher, Roger Trahan, & Marian Szymanski, and Linda Noel.*

1. Opening:

- A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:010pm by Chairman Carly Fisher.
- B. Roll Call: Four members of the Franklin Agricultural Commission were present.
- C. Approval of the Minutes: The Minutes from the 8/31/20 and the 2/24/20 meetings were approved.
- D. Carly F. read and explained the Town of Franklin's Virtual Rules.

2. New Business:

A. Community Education - The Commission is investigating how we can use Zoom to engage with the residents of Franklin. One possibility would be to collaborate with the Recreation Department and Franklin Youth to accomplish an assortment of agricultural projects.

Another option would be to create a series of educational Zoom workshops for the residents of franklin on areas of interest like: growing food gardens, keeping chickens, keeping honey bees, planting pollinator gardens, and food preservation.

B. Goal Changes (Due To Covid-19) - The Commission recognizes that, while most of our plans for 2020 cannot occur due to restrictions caused by the Pandemic, many town residents are experiencing a new or renewed interest in becoming more self-sufficient and in living more locally. We think that this is an area we should focus our efforts on during the duration of the Pandemic.

3. Old Business:

A. Pollinator Pastures – The P.P. at Dacey Field is quite over-grown at this time. We will mow the field in the Fall and work to remove unwanted plants in the Spring. New pollinator plants and seeds will be added to the garden at that time.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by Marian Szymanski and Roger Trahan at 7:36pm

Minutes submitted by: Marian Szymanski