

Franklin Agricultural Commission
Meeting Minutes from January 25, 2021
Virtual Meeting using Google Meets

In Attendance: Members Present: *Carly Fisher, Roger Trahan, & Marian Szymanski, Jeff Perry, and Linda Noel. Mel Hamblin was also present.*

1. Opening:

- A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Chairman Carly Fisher.
- B. Roll Call: Five members of the Franklin Agricultural Commission were present.
- C. Approval of the Minutes: The Minutes from the 12/15/20 were approved.
- D. Carly Fisher read and explained the Town of Franklin's Virtual Rules.

2. New Business:

- A. CPA Act- A Commission has been formed to over-see the implementation of the CPA for the town of Franklin. Two members of the Agricultural Commission have applied for a "Member at Large" position on this Commission.
- B. AgCom Webinars – Instead of a series of webinars about agricultural practices, Mel H. and Linda N. will be working with the operators of the Franklin Community Cable Access TV Studio to film local Farmers demonstrating gardening practices and techniques. The videos will be shown during an Agricultural Commission meeting and Franklin residents will be invited to attend.
- C. Winter Farmer's Market – CJ has been operating a Fall/Winter Farmers Market at his Farm again this year. The Market takes place in 2 large, open-ended greenhouses. CJ reports lots of customers and many happy vendors.

3. Old Business:

A. 61 Properties – The Agricultural Commission will revisit our outreach to 61 property owners and will upgrade the mailings that will be sent to these residents. Jeff will re-write the letter which we will send to all of the 61 property owners. Jeff will also contact the town for the list of potential 61 property owners.

B. Open Space- Carly gave the information for an up-coming meeting on Open Space.

C. Citizen Outreach/Engagement

D. Update/Assign Tasks LOE

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by Jeff Perry and Roger Trahan at 8:06 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Marian Szymanski