

Franklin Agricultural Commission

Meeting Minutes from August 27, 2018

Municipal Building 355 East Central Street

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

1. Opening:

- A.** Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Chairman Carly Fisher.
- B.** Roll Call: All seven members of the Franklin Agricultural Commission were present.
Guests present: Jennifer Nicholls – Volunteer.
- C.** Approval of the Minutes: The minutes from the 6/25/2018 were unanimously approved.

2. Old Business:

- A.** Update from Jennifer Nicholls – Eat Local program- Jennifer's project is now over. Jennifer thanked the Commission for the work that they do and asked the members for their feedback. The Agricultural Commission thanked Jennifer for raising awareness of the importance of local farms.
- B.** Harvest Festival 10/13/2018- The Franklin Agricultural Commission will have a booth at the Harvest Festival. The members of the Commission will distribute brochures for the Franklin Agricultural Commission as well as brochures from all of the area farms. Suggestions were made to attract visitors to the booth. Possible activities include: corn hole, pumpkin bowling, pumpkin race, pumpkin decorating, and a pumpkin catapult.
- C.** Update on Chicken By-laws – A proposal to change the existing town By-Laws regarding keeping poultry has now been sent to the Town Council who will vote on the proposal on September 5, 2018.

3. New Business:

- A.** Town Council and Open Space- Mel Hamblen, a member of the Franklin Town Council, informed the Franklin Agricultural Commission that at a recent Town Council meeting, a suggestion was made to revive the Franklin Open Space Committee. The Town Council would like the Franklin Agricultural Commission to work with them to inform and educate the people of Franklin about the importance and need for Open Space and to protect Open Space in the town. The Franklin Agricultural Commission voted unanimously to work with the Town Council and all other interested individuals and groups. They agreed to

make the focus of the October Franklin Agricultural Commission meeting the issue of Open Space. The Metacomet Land Trust and all other interested individuals will be invited to attend.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by Jeff Perry and Linda Noel at 8:43pm

Minutes submitted by: Marian Szymanski