**Franklin Agricultural Commission**

**Meeting Minutes from April 11, 2022**

**(Meeting held Virtually Due to Covid-19)**

**In Attendance:** Members Present**:** *Roger Trahan, CJ Koshivas, Nick Capoccia, and Marian Szymanski.*

1. **Opening:**

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:11pm pm by Roger Trahan.
2. Roll Call: Four members of the Franklin Agricultural Commission were present.
3. Approval of the Minutes: The Minutes from the 2/28/22 were approved.

**2. Old Business:**

A. Chapter 61 Properties- The materials for our Chapter 61 informational packets are completed and ready for mailing. We will mail the packets to all of the eligible homeowners when it gets closer to the deadline for filing for Chapter 61.

B. Pollinator Pasture 2022- The work on the Franklin Agricultural Commission’s Pollinator Pasture will take place on Saturday, April 30, beginning at 10:00. Please bring your wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, watering-cans, and any seeds/ plants you would like to include in our pasture. The bed we will be creating will be 20’ by 6’. First, we will cover the ground with sheets of soaked cardboard. (Marian will pick-up the cardboard from CJ this week. She will bring the cardboard already wet.), then we will cover the cardboard with loam (provided by CJ’s Uncle), then we will add a thin layer of a compost, spread the pollinator seeds (Marian will provide an assortment), cover the seeds with a thin layer of compost, and water the new bed well. If anyone would like to bring several bags of compost, that would be great! Please feel free to bring friends and family!

**3. New Business:**

A. 2022 Summer Farmer’s Market The Franklin Farmer’s Market has approval to offer the SNAP program at this year’s market. Customers will be able to swipe their EBT cards and receive tokens, in $10.00 increments, which they can use to purchase produce, eggs, and meat at the market. The vendors will then turn in their tokens and Lauren/Roger will give them a check.

B. Massachusetts Forester Talk- Roger has been in contact with a State Forester who is interested in speaking to the Commission/town residents on the topic of maintaining healthy forests/woodlands.

The meeting was adjourned by C.J. and Marian at 7:45pm.

Minutes submitted by Marian Szymanski