**Franklin Agricultural Commission**

**Meeting Minutes from September 12, 2022**

**(Hybrid Meeting)**

**(Could not connect to Zoom)**

**In Attendance:** Members Present**:** *Roger Trahan, Nick Hoffman, Nick Capoccia, and Marian Szymanski. Also present: Mel Hamblin.*

1. **Opening:**

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm pm by Roger Trahan.
2. Roll Call: Four members of the Franklin Agricultural Commission were present.

2.  **New Business:**

A. Forester Presentation: Our speaker, Tom, explained that the purpose of encouraging homeowners to place their land under Chapter 61 or 61A is to stimulate the production of wood products and forest products. For Chapter 61 ten acres of forest would be required. For Chapter 61A, five acres of woodlands would be necessary. Placing land under Chapter 61 and 61A result in a significant savings. The savings for a specific piece of property can be calculated on masswoods.com. The first step in placing a wooded property in Chapter 61 and 61A would be to hire a licensed Forester. This might cost approximately $100.00 per acre.

B. Roger reminded the Commission that we will be working with the Conservation Commission on two projects:

1. “Touch a Truck Day”, 10-15-22, DPW yard

CJ K. and Nick C. may provide tractors for this event.

2. “Del Carte Clean-up”, 10-22-22, 9:00am – 12:00pm. Posters are currently being distributed for this event.

Possible informational booth, possible children’s activities.

The meeting was adjourned by Nick Hoffman and Roger Trahan at 7:50pm.

Minutes submitted by Marian Szymanski