

Franklin Agricultural Commission
Meeting Minutes November 30, 2023

(Hybrid Meeting)

In Attendance: Members Present: Marian Szymanski, C.J. Koshivas, Cynthia Garboski and Nick Capoccia. Also present: Ed Szymanski and Roger Trahan

1. Opening:
 - a. Call to Order: In Attendance: Members Present: Marian Szymanski, C.J. Koshivas, Cynthia Garboski and Nick Capoccia. Also present: Ed Szymanski and Roger Trahan
 - b. Roll Call: Four members of the Franklin Agricultural Commission were present.
 - c. The Minutes of October 30, 2023, were unanimously approved.
2. Elections:
 - a. Roger Trahan is leaving the Agricultural Commission to take a place on the Conservation Commission.
 - b. Election Held:
 - i. Chairman = Marian Szymanski
 - ii. Vice Chairman = CJ Koshivas
 - iii. Clerk = Cynthia Garboski
 - iv. Nick Capoccia and Dan Morse are Members.
3. Old Business:
 - a. Winter Farmers' Market at Fairmount Fruit Farm: space will be available for the AgComm to have a booth starting in January. The AgComm could have children's activities to help provide entertainment for families during the market. Flyers with market dates to be handed out. Members willing to post yard signs to help promote the market.
 - b. Right to Farm: Start educating Franklin residents on the "Right to Farm" designation. This will help bring attention to local farms and make residents aware that there are farms in the area. Future meeting with Holliston in Medway to include ideas for a group project.
4. New Business:
 - a. Outreach to residents that may qualify for 61A/B to begin in January.
 - b. A voting membership to Mass Farm Bureau should be purchased next year.

Next meeting date: January 29, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 7:40PM

Minutes submitted by Cynthia Garboski