

Franklin Agricultural Commission

Meeting Minutes from April 29, 2019

Municipal Building 355 East Central Street

In Attendance: Members Present: *Carly Fisher, Jeff Perry, Nick Hoffman, Tim Garboski, Roger Trahan, Linda Noel, & Marian Szymanski.* Also present: *Mel Hamblen.*

1. Opening:

- A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by Chairman Carly Fisher.
- B. Roll Call: All seven members of the Franklin Agricultural Commission were present.
- C. Approval of the Minutes: The minutes from the 3/25/2019 were unanimously approved.

2. New Business:

- A. Update of MAAC Pesticide Boot Camp- Carley Fisher gave a synopsis of MAAC's Pesticide Boot-camp.
- B. Presentation to Town Council (6/5/2019)- The Commission held a discussion about our up-coming presentation for the town Council. We unanimously decided to form a sub-group to create a power point presentation based on our mission statement and our LOE. The sub-group will meet at 7:00pm on May 13, 2019 in our usual room.

3. Old Business:

- A. 61 A and B Properties- The Agricultural Commission has created a mailer that will be sent to all of the 61A and 61B property owners.
- B. The DPW has agreed to allow the Agricultural Commission to create 2 "pollinator pastures" in Franklin. The town will not spray pesticides of any kind near these 2 pastures. A plan for these pollinator pastures will be presented by Marian Szymanski at our next meeting.
- C. Strawberry Stroll (6.14.2018)- The Commission agreed to have SEMAP booklets, Franklin Farm booklets, and Agricultural Commission brochures will be available at this event. We will also organize a zucchini seed planting activity for the children.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by Jeff Perry and Roger Trahan at 8:25pm

Minutes submitted by: Marian Szymanski