

Franklin Agricultural Commission

Meeting Minutes from November 25, 2019

Municipal Building 355 East Central Street

In Attendance: Members Present: *Carly Fisher, Jeff Perry, Roger Trahan, & Marian Szymanski.*

1. Opening:

- A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Chairman Carly Fisher.
- B. Roll Call: Four members of the Franklin Agricultural Commission were present.
- C. Approval of the Minutes: The minutes from the November 11, 2019 Agricultural Commission meetings were unanimously approved.

2. New Business:

- A. Pollinator Pastures - A suggestion was made to remove specific dates on the Pollinator Plan document so that the document can be used yearly.
- B. Winter Farmer's Market - The first Winter Farmer's Market was very successful. We will continue to build on this success in upcoming Markets. Discussion was held as to what additional information could be displayed at our table. Carly F. suggested that we create an informational document about how residents can successfully live near a farm, and another about "green landscaping". It was decided that for the December Winter Market, Linda and Marian will prepare salt dough ornaments for children to decorate.
- C. MAPC - Climate Change Disaster Planning- A meeting was held at the Black Box in Franklin in November to discuss how the towns of Franklin and Bellingham are preparing for the effects of Climate Change.
- D. New Conservation Commission Agent- The Franklin Agricultural Commission was informed that a new Conservation Commission Agent has been hired by the town of Franklin. The Franklin Agricultural Commission would like to invite this person to one of our meetings.

3. Old Business:

- A. Community Gardens- The Franklin Agricultural Commission is interested in the possibility of creating a Community Farm or Garden.
- B. Franklin Farm Day - Because of the current location of the few remaining farms in the town of Franklin, The Franklin Agricultural Commission recognizes that it would be extremely difficult to organize a "Farm Day" for the town of Franklin. We will, instead, look into the possibility of creating a "Regional Farm Day".

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by Jeff Perry and Roger Trahan at 8:27pm

Minutes submitted by: Marian Szymanski