

Franklin Agricultural Commission
Meeting Minutes from December 15, 2020
Virtual Meeting using Google Meets

In Attendance: Members Present: *Carly Fisher, Roger Trahan, & Marian Szymanski, CJ Koshivas, Jeff Perry, and Linda Noel.*

1. Opening:

- A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by Chairman Carly Fisher.
- B. Roll Call: Six members of the Franklin Agricultural Commission were present.
- C. Approval of the Minutes: The Minutes from the 10/26/20 were approved.
- D. Carly Fisher read and explained the Town of Franklin's Virtual Rules.

2. New Business:

- A. Community Education - The Commission discussed using Zoom to offer a series of Webinars to the residents of Franklin. The Webinars would address the public's current interest in garden planning, seed starting, fruit/vegetable harvesting, bee-keeping, and hydroponics. We can build a library of webinars that Franklin residents can access whenever they wish.
Marian will create a plan and a schedule to present at our next meeting.
- B. Winter Farmers Market – CJ is running a Fall/Winter Farmers Market at his Farm again this year. He is doing this in 2 large, open-ended greenhouses. The Agricultural Commission has a table at this market with a Sign and an assortment of pamphlets. CJ reports a good turn-out despite the bad weather. His vendors were very happy.
- C. CPA Passed In Franklin – A Commission has been formed to over-see the implementation of the CPA. Originally, the Agricultural Commission was to be a part of this Commission. However, a handful of angry residents, active in town matters, protested this decision and so the Town removed the Agricultural Commission from this group.

3. Old Business:

A. 61 Properties – The Agricultural Commission will revisit our outreach to 61 property owners and will upgrade the mailings that will be sent to these residents. Jeff will re-write the letter which we will send to all of the 61 property owners. Jeff will also contact the town for the list of potential 61 property owners.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by Jeff Perry and Roger Trahan at 7:33pm

Minutes submitted by: Marian Szymanski