

**Franklin Agricultural Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes from March 29, 2021**  
**Virtual Meeting using Google Meets**

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

**1. Opening:**

- A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chairman Carly Fisher.
- B. Roll Call: Five members of the Franklin Agricultural Commission were present.
- C. Approval of the Minutes: The Minutes from the 2/22/20 were approved.
- D. Carly Fisher read and explained the Town of Franklin's Virtual Rules.

**2. New Business**

A. AgCom Webinars – Mel H. and Linda N. had been working with the operators of the Franklin Community Cable Access TV Studio to film Linda and Mel teaching Franklin residents about gardening. Unfortunately, they have been unable to do so.

B. Franklin Farmer's Market– The Franklin Farmer's Market is under new management and plans are under-way for the addition of live music, food trucks, and children's activities. The Franklin Agricultural Commission will have a booth at this weekly event where we can distribute information to residents.

C. Pollinator Pastures- Our Pollinator Pasture near Dacey's Field is once again overgrown with undesirable plants. We need to brainstorm and create a new plan for protecting and feeding pollinators in our Community.

E. Franklin Farms- The Franklin Agricultural Commission will create an up-dated list of Farmers in the town of Franklin. We will investigate which farms are still in operation.

F. No-Spray- The Franklin Agricultural Commission will connect with the Town to discover what chemicals they plan on spraying on weeds and when they plan on doing so. We will provide residents with up-dated forms to submit in order to opt out of having their property sprayed with chemicals.

### **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.

B. Open Space-

C. Citizen Outreach/Engagement

D. Update/Assign Tasks LOE

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned by Jeff Perry and Marian Szymanski at 7:43 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Marian Szymanski