

Franklin Agricultural Commission

Meeting Minutes from November 26, 2018

Municipal Building 355 East Central Street

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

1. Opening:

- A.** Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:22pm 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 10/29/2018 were unanimously approved.

2. New Business:

- A.** Goals for The Franklin Agricultural Commission - Jeff P. created and distributed a document called, "Future Goals and Lines of Effort". The information in this document will help our group to decide which projects we want to focus on and take action on.
- B.** Franklin Students and Farming – Members of the Franklin Agricultural Commission agreed that we need to focus on connecting school children with farming by creating ways in which children can directly experience agriculture. We could possible work with local trade schools, create a garden at a local school, or start our own garden on open land and involve the children and the community in the project.
- C.** Franklin Forest Management - We can encourage the town to better manage their forested lands and make them safer, more enjoyable, healthier, and perhaps profitable.
- D.** Work With Local Farms –We can work with franklin farms to encourage business and to encourage community involvement. In particular, school involvement. We can continue to encourage the residents of Franklin to buy food locally. We need to connect with the local farms to find out how the Franklin Agricultural Commission can help them .

1. Old Business:

- A.** Community Farm - The Franklin Agricultural Commission must investigate further the impact a community farm would have on local farms. Is there another way to accomplish our goals?

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by Jeff Perry and Marian Szymanski at 8:55pm

Minutes submitted by: Marian Szymanski