

Franklin Agricultural Commission
Meeting Minutes from April 24, 2023
(Hybrid Meeting)

In Attendance: Members Present: *Roger Trahan, Marian Szymanski, Dan Morse, and Linda Noel.* Also present: *Ed Szymanski.*

1. Opening:

- A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm pm by Roger Trahan.
- B. Roll Call: Four members of the Franklin Agricultural Commission were present.

2. New Business:

A. Schmidt Farm: The Town is still in the process of acquiring the property formally known as Schmidt's Farm". The process will likely take another year until the deal is finalized.

B. Helping Franklin Farms- At our March Meeting, Roger asked the local farmers attending the meeting, "What can the Franklin Agricultural Commission do to help you and your business?" At tonight's meeting, the Commission worked on generating ideas that may help to promote local farms. We are considering each of the following suggestions:

- 1. Promoting local farms at The Summer and Winter Farmer's Markets.
- 2. Filming and showing non-competing Farm activities. (Honey bee installations, wildflower seed planting, building mason bee housing, etc.)
- 3. Help Mel to use our Facebook page to promote the activities and products of local farms and find a way to encourage more Franklin residents to

follow the AgCom Facebook page. We may need to create a campaign to get more followers!

4. Encourage more of the Franklin farmers to attend our meetings and to, perhaps, join the Agricultural Commission. Marian and Roger will send the Meeting and Agendas to all local farmers.

3. Old Business:

A. Important Dates:

June 2nd, 2023 – First Franklin Farmer's Market

August 18, 2023 – Zucchini Races

October 27th, 2023- Last Farmer's Market and Pumpkin weighing

The meeting was adjourned by Linda Noel and Marian Szymanski at 7:58pm.

Minutes submitted by Marian Szymanski