

**Franklin Agricultural Commission**

**Regional Agricultural Commission**

**Meeting Minutes from October 23, 2019**

**Thayer Homestead Medway, MA 2B Oak Street**

**In Attendance:** Members Present: *Carly Fisher, Marian Szymanski, Ed Szymanski, and members of the Medway and Holliston Agricultural Commissions were present as well.*

**1. Opening:**

- A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:34pm by Medway Ag-Com Chairman Paul Atwood.
- B. Roll Call: Two members of the Franklin Agricultural Commission were present as were members of the Medway Agricultural Commission and Holliston Agricultural Commission.
- C. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the Regional Agricultural Commission Meeting on June 24, 2019 were unanimously approved.

**2. Old Business:**

- A. Review 2019's Activities- Each of the three Agricultural Commissions present described the events held in their town in 2019 to promote agriculture in their town.
- B. Right To Farm Bylaw- The town of Medway has recently passed the "Right To Farm" law. Banners will be displayed in the town celebrating this accomplishment.
- C. Farmer's Markets- members of the Medway Agricultural Commission and the Franklin Agricultural Commission described their town's farmer's markets.
- D. Medway Farm Day- The Medway Agricultural Commission has applied for a Cultural Grant to fund a "Farm Day" in 2020.
- E. Other Plans For 2020- Discussion was held on the possibility of creating a Regional Agricultural Commission website and periodic newsletters. The town of Holliston has recently obtained 28 acres of farm land that will be preserved as open space. The property is called, "Thistle Dew Farm" and was purchased with a combination of grants, donations, and town money. The Chairperson of MAAC announced that 2020 will be the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of MAAC. A celebration will be held on 2/22/2020. Location TBA.
- F. Next Regional AgCom Meeting- Holliston on 3/10/2020.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm

Minutes submitted by: Marian Szymanski