

**Franklin Agricultural Commission**

**Meeting Minutes from October 28, 2019**

**Municipal Building 355 East Central Street**

**In Attendance:** Members Present: *Carly Fisher, Jeff Perry, Roger Trahan, Linda Noel, & Marian Szymanski. Mel Hamblin was present as well.*

**1. Opening:**

- A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by Chairman Carly Fisher.
- B. Roll Call: Five members of the Franklin Agricultural Commission were present.
- C. Approval of the Minutes:

**2. New Business:**

A. Pollinator Pastures Upkeep - The Commission needs to create a plan for maintaining the Pollinator Pasture gardens. Marian will work on this.

B. Chapter 61 Properties – Chapter 61 Day has passed for 2019. One new property (61B) has now been added. The Schmidt property has come out of 61.

C. Farm Bureau resolution Regarding Drone Use Over Farms- At a recent MA Farm Bureau meeting, Mel Hamblin asked the Farm Bureau to take action to legislate the use of drones over farms. A proposal has been sent to the State forbidding drones to fly over working farms.

D. Winter Farmer's Market - C.J., the farmer from Fairmount Farm in Franklin, MA, would like to host a Winter's farmer's Market from November to May to remind everyone that farms don't disappear in the Winter. The first of these events will be held the Saturday before Thanksgiving. The market will be held in a large greenhouse at Fairmount Farm from 10:00 to 2:00. A wide variety of vendors will be invited.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned by Jeff Perry and Roger Trahan at 8:58pm

Minutes submitted by: Marian Szymanski