

MARSHFIELD AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING  
May 5, 2015

Meeting called to order 7:01 PM at the Town Hall, Planning Board Room.

Attending: Lorrie Dahlen, Sarah Garretson Lowry, Carolyn Housman, Karen Vieira, Carleton Chandler, Annie Massed

Absent: Susan Keith, Melody Quine

The minutes from 4/6/15 meeting were reviewed and amended.  
Lorrie motioned to accept the minutes as amended, Carolyn seconded the motion. All members present approved the minutes as amended.

**Treasury Report**

**Balance \$3,801.73**

**Spring Lecture Series Final Information**

This was the most expensive year for the lecture series, totaling \$2,013.00. Expenses included: speakers, advertising, printing, and facility.  
Donations from that day, totaled \$752.00, grant money from MAAC was \$500.00 and grant money from Mass. Cultural Council was \$250.00 ( grand total \$1,502.00). Leaving \$511.00, coming from our account, as budgeted.  
Next year an account will be set up with Brown Paper Tickets to streamline the participant sign up process. Also an agricultural commission email account will be set up which will go to Lorrie Dahlen and Karen Vieira.

**Update On Adopt -a -Seedling**

Set up for the event will be Thursday May 14 to organize the layout.  
On Friday May 15 from 5-7PM, volunteers will bring and set up their seedlings.  
An article on the event, needs to be submitted to The Marshfield Mariner by Noon, 4/10/15, in order to be included in the May 13 publication.

**Community Gardens Update**

As the new community garden manager, Annie Massed she is waiting to receive the garden plot plan from Jen Mundt, the previous garden manager.  
Scott from Norwell Farms has a rototiller and is willing to till plots for members.  
The garden fence and poles are damaged. Annie is exploring fencing designs and options. The community garden is 100 feet by 50 feet.  
The hand pump for water is not working. Annie and Carleton will meet 5/8/15 to work on the hand pump.

**Farms/farmers seeking matches**

A Marshfield woman is interested in having her organic gardens worked in exchange for plot space . This might be a good fit for Jen Mundt as it's close to her house.

A man would like to rent a house with a barn and is willing to exchange farm or forestry work.

**Working Session with the PR Subcommittee**

Tabled.

Next meeting will be held Monday, June 8, 2015, at 7 PM, in HR 3, in the town hall.

Lorrie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. Karen seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Garretson Lowry, Secretary