

MARSHFIELD AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING
February 7, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:32 PM at the Town Hall, Hearing Room 3.

Attending: Lorrie Dahlen, Sarah Garretson Lowry, Carolyn Housman, Robert Dougherty, Karen Vieira, Scott Franklin, Annie Massed

Absent: Carleton Chandler, Susan Keith

The minutes from 1/10/17 meeting were accepted as amended.
Lorrie motioned to accept the minutes as amended, Karen seconded the motion. All eligible members present approved the minutes as amended.

Treasury Report

Balance \$4,797.70

Upcoming regional and state AgCom Meetings

On 2/25/17 an Agricultural Commission meeting will be held at the Topsfield Fairgrounds.
On 2/26/17 there is an Agricultural Commission meeting held at the Bristol County Agricultural High School in Dighton, Ma. Scott and Robert may attend this event.
On 3/8/17 there is the Harvest New England Agricultural Marketing Conference held in Sturbridge, Ma.

Update on Spring Lectures

The commission was awarded \$625.00 from The Massachusetts Cultural Council to be used for this event.

There are over 70 people registered for the lectures. The posters and brochures were available and distributed among members for posting around the South Shore. Carolyn will be in charge of the refreshments and members all volunteered to bring food and drink to the event. Karen has 10 volunteers for Friday and about 20 for Saturday.

Update on Gardens

Scott met with the new conservation agent, Bill Grafton.
Annie has not heard on the Home Depot Grant which she applied for, the money was to be used towards a new deer fence.

Right to Farm Signage in town update

Lorrie will review a proof of the Right to Farm sign once completed.

Adopt-a-Seedling Update

Six members will be growing seedlings for this event. This year 700 seedlings will be grown.
The subcommittee requested a budget of \$600.00 for this event. Lorrie made a motion to approve a budget of up to \$600.00. Carolyn seconded the motion and all present were in favor.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 28, 2017, at 7:00 PM in the Lunchroom at Town Hall. Lorrie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 PM. Sarah seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Garretson Lowry, Secretary