

Marshfield Agricultural Commission Minutes

Meeting of April 11, 2022

At 7:01PM Lorrie made a motion, seconded by Karen to open the meeting via ZOOM. Motion was voted and passed unanimously via a roll call vote. Attending were Lorrie Dahlen, Ed Duane, Karen Vieira, Annie Massed, Cecilia Delgadillo, Caleen Alexanderson, Kristen Webb and Norma Haskins. Also attending was Delia Longchamp.

Review of the minutes of our meeting of March 14 was completed with one amendment. Lorrie made a motion, seconded by Karen to accept the minutes as amended. It was voted and passed, unanimously by a roll call vote.

The minutes of the meeting of March 28th were reviewed. After several amendments were made Lorrie made a motion, seconded by Ed to accept the minutes as amended. It was voted and passed, unanimously by a roll call vote.

CPC project- Mounce Meadows Ed has been in contact with Amory Engineering on this project. They don't seem to understand the scope of the project as well as we would like, especially the screening shrubs needed. There was a brief discussion regarding the possibility of finding another vendor. After some input from Delia she said she would work with Ed on this project. Lorrie made a motion, seconded by Annie to have Ed and Delia determine if Amory meets all the criteria to get started on the project or to decide that we need to find another vendor. It was voted and passed, unanimously by a roll call vote.

Coast Guard Hill- Cecilia will contact the contractor to have him get to leveling off the area within the garden where the fill was left. Caleen complained that the fill that was given to us contains a lot of rock and tar mixed in that needs to be removed. Cecilia suggested perhaps the school volunteers could help with that. We need another load of loam to fill the new beds and top off the ones already in use. We discussed the pros and cons of using wood chips between the raised beds. Lorrie asked Cecilia and Caleen to coordinate the completion of the Coast Guard Hill gardens,

Community Garden Business- There was a brief discussion on how many beds are spoken for and how applications are coming in. At Mounce Annie reports there are a few plots available. Lorrie said there is a group of people who would like one bed to raise vegetables for the Food Pantry. Annie also reported there was some damage to the fencing over the winter which is being repaired and she will need a few supplies for these repairs. She asked for an annual budget of at least \$250.00 for annual maintenance. A discussion followed on what we have in our donations account and how long it took to build it up. After discussion Lorrie made a motion, seconded by Annie to set aside \$300.00 for maintenance at Mounce Meadows. It was voted and passed, unanimously by a roll call vote. We discussed the need for a mower for

Coast Guard Hill Gardens. It was decided we have to wait until we have a safe place to keep it. We will wait until after Town Meeting and see how CPC funding goes. Lorrie said we should postpone further discussion on Coast Guard Hill until the next meeting. We discussed placement of the new bat houses at Mounce Meadows and Coast Guard Hill. Annie reports the cost of post mounting of the boxes would be approximately \$150.00 per box. Lorrie is concerned that we may need Conservation Commission approval to implant pressure treated posts for the bat houses. Lorrie said we should consider putting them on the shed or nearby trees.

Ag Com Maps- Lorrie asked Norma if she would prepare another farm map for display at the Town Hall.

Adopt a Seedling- Kristen reports most of the grow lists are in and the press releases will be done soon.

Ag Com Appointees- Lorrie reports Carleton will be resigning soon and we are hoping for the Selectmen to appoint Delia to replace him. Lorrie will send in our approval for her appointment.

Caleen asked that we provide monies for lunches for the school volunteers when they come on April 29th, pizza and soft drinks. Lorrie made a motion, seconded by Ed to set aside up to \$75.00 for that purpose. It was voted and passed, unanimously by a roll call vote.

Lorrie made a motion, seconded by Karen to adjourn the meeting at 8:32PM. It was voted and passed, unanimously by a roll call vote.

Next meeting will be May 9th.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Haskins, Secretary