

Marshfield Agriculture Commission

Meeting Minutes – January 31, 2023

Members in attendance: Ed Duane, Delia DeLongchamp, Kristen Webb, Annie Massed, Caleen Alexanderson, Lorrie Dahlen, Cecilia Delgadillo arrived towards end of meeting with no votes cast.

Town Hall was locked, so after 12 minutes of waiting for attendees and someone to unlock the door we moved the assembled group to the Starbucks café inside Star Market. Meeting was called into order at 7:16 p.m. As this was a working meeting it was felt this was an acceptable adjustment in the plan. There would be no votes other than on the minutes and opening /closing the meeting.

Topics Discussed:

No animal issues reported by Animal Control. Lorrie suggested as a future initiative to create a voluntary farm animal photo log for Animal Control officer to help identify lost or missing farm animals to their owners. This would help animal owner find animals and their owners faster for loose animals. This is something AgCom could create for Animal Control.

There was a review of CPC projects that AgCom is running in order to submit the update to CPC. Changes made per discussion included creating estimated completion dates (ECD),

- Coast Guard Hill shed ECD is 12/31/2023
- Coast Guard Hill compost station ECD is 12/31/2023
- Coast Guard Hill greenhouse/high tunnel ECD is August 2023

The meeting minutes were reviewed from Nov 16th meeting. At 7:44 p.m. Lorrie makes motion to accept meeting minutes as amended. Ed seconded the motion and minutes were accepted by unanimous vote.

Garden Application for 2023 growing season was reviewed, the 2022 form will be used as there are no changes or rate increases required.

Adopt a Seedling was discussed and it was decided to continue the event. Date is May 20th.

- Discussed ways to sell more plants that don't compete with other sellers at the market. Suggestions included growing more flowers, flats of flower collections for pollinator garden, cutting gardens of different color schemes. Details to be discussed at the next meeting.
- Caleen to come up with some ideas for cutting flower flats, Delia to help with ideas she finds.
- Another idea is to offer pollinator houses.

Next Meeting: February 15, 2023 at 7 p.m. in Town Hall. Topic to discuss is Adopt a Seedling.

Lorrie made a motion and Ed seconded it to adjourn the meeting and with a unanimous vote it was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.