

## Marshfield Agricultural Commission Minutes

### Meeting of May 30, 2023

Meeting opened at 7:08PM in Hearing Room 2 at the Town Hall. Lorrie made a motion, seconded by Ed to open the meeting. It was voted and passed. Attending were Lorrie Dahlen, Ed Duane, Karen Vieira, Delia Delongchamp, Annie Massed and Norma Haskins.

Animal Control- No issues at this time.

Minutes Meeting of March 14- After several amendments were made Lorrie made a motion, seconded by Karen to accept the minutes as amended. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Minutes of May 3, 2023- After several amendments were made Lorrie made a motion, seconded by Karen to accept the minutes as amended. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Garden applications and Garden business- Lorrie reports the last applicant has been assigned a plot at Coast Guard Hill and that garden is now completely filled. The Recreation Center has three beds for their programs. At Mounce Meadows Annie reports one spot is still left for a gardener. The lots at the back which were too wet have been filled with loam from the parking area project by Ed and will be ready for gardeners next year. We discussed cover crops for that area for this year. Annie and Ed submitted their receipts for Mounce gardens for this year to date. Lorrie made a motion to set aside \$600.00 to covers costs for the rest of the season, seconded by Annie. It was voted and passed, unanimously. At Coast Guard Hill there is room for two more beds for next year. Lorrie made a motion, seconded by Karen to set aside \$700.00 for the additional beds. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

CPC Project- Coast Guard Hill still needs cover for the greenhouse, the sign needs to be installed and we still need a shed. We discussed alternate funding for the shed and decided to try to get the School Department to assist us for that project. At Mounce Meadow Karen reports the new shrubs need regular watering every other day and Annie and Ed will see to that. There was a brief discussion on the condition of the new parking area after heavy rains. Ed reports that there is about 20 yards of loam still remaining to be moved and Ron Simon has agreed to take it. Overall the CPC Project for Mounce is completed.

Adopt a Seedling- Lorrie reports she is still waiting for a report from Kristen on monies received from the on line sales. The last of the seedlings will be offered for sale at the Farmers Market this week.

Manure fees at the landfill- Lorrie reports she met with the Board of Public Works and made a 10 minute presentation regarding the impact the fees are having for local horse owners. Ultimately the Board decided to stop charging the fee for a period of six months so a committee can discuss and come up with ways to improve and handle the overflow of composting at the landfill. Discussion followed on ways to control the input/output of composted materials. Lorrie reviewed our letter to local animal owners which advises them all of the facts and what we are

doing to solve the problem. We are also asking their help with suggestions or assistance with those knowledgeable on this subject. Discussion followed about this problem and its solutions.

Next meeting will be July 19<sup>th</sup>.

At 8:45 Lorrie made a motion, seconded by Ed to adjourn the meeting. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norma Haskins, Secretary