

MARSHFIELD AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING  
November 5, 2015

Meeting called to order 7:02 PM at the Town Hall, Hearing Room 3.

Attending: Lorrie Dahlen, Sarah Garretson Lowry, Carolyn Housman, Karen Vieira, Melody Quine

Absent: Carleton Chandler, Susan Keith, Annie Massed

The minutes from 9/14/15 meeting were reviewed and 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**

**Subcommittee Assignments, Discussion of Spring Topics**

Currently the Spring lecture series has a three person subcommittee of: Lorrie Dahlen, Carolyn Housman, and Karen Vieira. The subcommittee would like to add an additional person. Sarah Garretson Lowry volunteered, Lorrie made a motion to nominate Sarah and Karen seconded the motion. All members present approved the nomination.

Spring lecture topics discussed were: general pruning, growing peach trees, keeping goats, organic lawn care, and creating pots from hypertufa. A date was set for the first subcommittee meeting in December.

Currently the Adopt-A-Seedling Subcommittee is: Sarah Garretson Lowry and Annie Massed.

Carolyn Housman volunteered to join this subcommittee. Lorrie made a motion to nominate Carolyn and Karen seconded the motion. All members present approved the nomination.

Plan to donate leftover seedlings to the Marshfield schools, we will request school volunteers to pick up the seedlings after the event.

**Right to Farm Signage**

Melody contacted the Bolton Agricultural Commission and has the name of the graphic artist that created their signs.

**Community Garden Update**

Annie has set some goals for the community garden for next year. Included in those goals is to develop an informational handout on the community gardens.

**Town Island Update/Discussion**

Carolyn spoke to the acting coordinator regarding the town islands. There are currently three islands available for adoption on Snow Road. The commission discussed and agreed to adopt and Karen offered to maintain the island. Karen will contact the DPW to secure the island.

**Working Session with the PR Subcommittee**

The introductory letter to other local boards has been finalized. A short Powerpoint presentation is being developed.

Next meeting will be held Monday, December 7, 2015, at 7 PM, in HR 2, in the town hall.

Lorrie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 PM. Sarah seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Garretson Lowry, Secretary