

MARSHFIELD AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING
September 14, 2015

Meeting called to order 7:01 PM at 93 Summer Street, Marshfield.

Attending: Lorrie Dahlen, Sarah Garretson Lowry, Carolyn Housman, Karen Vieira, Melody Quine, Carleton Chandler, Susan Keith

Absent: Annie Massed

The minutes from 7/21/15 meeting were reviewed and amended.

Lorrie motioned to accept the minutes as amended, Carleton seconded the motion. All members present approved the minutes as written.

Treasury Report

Balance \$3,801.73

AgCom Boot Camp Take-Aways

Lorrie Dahlen, Carolyn Housman, Sarah Garretson Lowry and Melody Quine attended a training session developed for agricultural commissions presented by The Massachusetts Association of Agricultural Commissions (MAAC) in July. The meeting was helpful and handouts were provided. The commission now has additional contacts and resources to go to.

Community Garden Update

Tabled - Annie Massed out.

Right to Farm Signage

Melody has contacted Bolton Agricultural Commission and will continue to work with them for information regarding signage. Carleton Chandler will follow up on the equine signs in Marshfield.

Town Island Plantings

On 9/9/15 Carolyn Housman approached the Department of Public Works to discuss the town island plantings. Tom Reynolds, the Superintendent, was not available. Carolyn will follow up.

Working Session with the PR Subcommittee

Melody has placed the Right to Farm and Living Near a Farm brochures at the Town Clerks' table and has left her phone number to provide refills. Both the Board of Health and the Marshfield Animal Shelter continue to have the brochures available. The introductory letter to other local boards is ready. Carleton is planning to speak to Gerry Maher, Chairman of the Board of Health to request if agricultural issues arise, the Agricultural Commission is available to help.

Next meeting will be held Thursday, November 5, 2015, at 7 PM, in HR 3, in the town hall.

Lorrie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 PM. Sarah seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Garretson Lowry, Secretary