

MARSHFIELD AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING
July 21, 2015

Meeting called to order 7:22 PM at 540 Union Street, Marshfield.

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

Absent: Carleton Chandler, Susan Keith

The minutes from 6/8/15 meeting were accepted as written.

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

Treasury Report

Balance \$3,801.73

AgCom Boot Camp

The Massachusetts Association of Agricultural Commissions (MAAC) is presenting an AgCom Boot Camp at the Queset House in North Easton on Monday, July 27, 2015. Discussions on wetlands, zoning, and working with the board of health will be covered. The presentation is free to all Mass. Ag. Com. Members. Several members expressed an interest in attending this presentation.

Community Garden Update

The community garden fencing expenses have been covered by the Conservation Commission. Carpenter ants were found in the community garden shed and have been exterminated.

Right to Farm Signage

Melody agreed to contact the Bolton Agricultural Commission to learn about their Right to Farm signage.

Town Island Plantings

Marshfield has about 78 islands, which have been planted and maintained by volunteers. Carolyn wanted to know if the Agricultural Commission could facilitate the coordination of these islands in some way. Many of the islands appear to be in need of attention. Carolyn and Lorrie will seek a meeting with Tom Reynolds, the Superintendent, Department of Public Works to see if the commission could be of assistance.

Working Session with the PR Subcommittee

Melody volunteered to place the Right to Farm brochures in the entrance of the Marshfield town hall. Lorrie made a motion to approve a budget up to \$40.00 for a brochure holder and signage. Melody seconded the motion and all present were in favor. The commission worked on an introductory letter to other local boards.

Next meeting will be held Monday, September 14, 2015, at 7 PM, 93 Summer St., Marshfield.

Lorrie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. Karen seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Garretson Lowry, Secretary