# MARSHFIELD AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING February 23, 2015

Meeting called to order 7:05 PM at the Town Hall, Lunch Room.

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

Absent: Carlton Chandler

The minutes from 1/7/15 meeting were reviewed and amended. Lorrie motioned to accept the minutes as amended, Sarah seconded the motion. All members present approved the minutes as amended.

Treasury Report Balance \$3,801.73

## **Update on Spring Lecture Series**

Information and pre-registration has been set up on the town website and at least 25 people have clicked on this site to date. Posters and brochures were distributed to members for placement in various locations.

### **Update On Adopt -a -Seedling**

Annie and Sarah met to review learnings from 2014 and to discuss this year's tasks for this event. In keeping with last years' practice, volunteers who grow a minimum of 72 seedlings or greater, would receive peat pots and a bag of seed start mix for their effort.

Lorrie made a motion to approve a budget up to \$200.00 for supplies, Melody seconded the motion and all present were in favor.

Volunteers to grow seedlings: Lorrie, Carolyn, Annie, Karen and Sarah.

A minimum of 6 seedlings will be grown of each variety.

#### Update on MAAC

Sarah has registered for the Harvest New England Ag. Marketing Conference and Trade Show, which is 2/25-26/15, in Sturbridge, Ma. Spring lectures series brochures will be placed at the MAAC booth and Sarah will attend the MAAC annual meeting. Sarah has to resign from being a Plymouth County director due to time constraints.

#### Review website for Potential Changes

It was agreed that street addresses for commission members would be removed from the website.

## Review/Update Community Garden Application

The community garden manager has changed this year from Jen Mundt to Annie Massed. The garden applications will be mailed directly to Annie.

## Working Session with the PR Subcommittee

Develop an introductory letter be written on the agricultural commission, who we are and how we could assist various boards, such as board of health, zoning, etc.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at 7 PM, in Hearing Room 3 in the town hall. In the following month, Monday 4/6/15 has been selected.

Annie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM. Lorrie seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Sarah Garretson Lowry, Secretary