

MARSHFIELD AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING  
May 9, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM at the Town Hall, Lunch Room.

Attending: Lorrie Dahlen, Sarah Garretson Lowry, Carolyn Housman, Robert Dougherty, Karen Vieira

Absent: Carleton Chandler, Scott Franklin, Annie Massed, Susan Keith

Guest: Adam Jackson

The minutes from 3/28/17 meeting were accepted as amended.  
Lorrie motioned to accept the minutes as amended, Sarah seconded the motion. All eligible members present approved the minutes as amended.

**Treasury Report**

**Balance \$3,881.24**

**Adopt-a-Seedling**

Send the electronic poster to Karen to attach to an email blast to subscribers to the Agricultural Commission emails. Information has been disseminated to: The Marshfield Mariner, The Boston Globe, SEMAP, and South Shore Organic Gardeners regarding this event. The information is on the Agricultural Commission home page.

The following actions were assigned: make 30 copies of the Tomato FAQs sheet and the seedling hardening off sheet to hand out at the event.

**Right to Farm Signage in town update**

The signs are ready for installation. The signs could be installed on an existing post, for example Daniel Webster Lodge. There was a discussion to get as close to the town lines as possible.

**Community Gardens and Adopt-an-Island**

Rob reported there are 5-6 plots available in the community gardens.

They will reuse existing poles for new deer fencing.

The gardens are very wet right now from all the rain.

The Adopt-an-Island plants are all coming back except for the foxgloves. Karen has bought a few more plants and is maintaining the island for the commission.

**Open Space Workshop /Meeting Feedback**

What came out on the bottom of the ranking was farmland, safety and community gardens, but in the discussion they were viewed favorably by the group. The results of this workshop will be put into written recommendations.

Lorrie, Rob and Adam Jackson attended the workshop.

## **Website Updates**

Tabled.

## **Chicken/rooster complaints**

The residents with the initial inquiry did not attend the meeting.  
Many people don't know you don't need a rooster to get eggs. People should have the option to purchase gender identified chicks.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, June 6, 2017, at 7:00 PM in the lunch room at Town Hall.  
Lorrie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 PM. Sarah seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Garretson Lowry, Secretary