

MARSHFIELD AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING
September 12, 2017

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

Attending: Lorrie Dahlen, Sarah Garretson Lowry, Carolyn Housman, Annie Massed

Absent: Carleton Chandler, Robert Dougherty, Susan Keith, Karen Vieira

The minutes from 6/6/17 and 8/23/17 were accepted as amended. Lorrie motioned to accept the minutes as amended. Carolyn seconded the motion. All eligible members present approved the minutes as amended.

Treasury Report

Balance \$5,563.78

The treasury report includes the cost of hardware to put up the new Right-to-Farm signs in town. A discussion was had on giving Marshfield DPW credit and thanks for their help in this project, maybe in a letter to the editor in the Marshfield Mariner.

Membership

Membership is down one alternate member.

Update on garden equipment for community gardens

Annie acquired a lawn mower from Lowe's and a receipt for \$339.00 will be submitted, as previously voted.

The community gardeners made a donation of \$100.00.

Garden hose extending from the well to the garden also needs replacing at the garden. Annie made a motion to approve a budget of up to \$175.00. Lorrie seconded the motion and all present were in favor.

Update on farmer for the Conservation land at Mounce's Meadow

Annie met with Bill Grafton and Bert O'Donnell from the Conservation Commission on the community garden regarding land use, mowing and plowing. SEMAP (Southeastern Massachusetts Agricultural Partnership) may be used as a resource for networking with potential farmers to use this land.

Status on the grant reimbursement

Lorrie is submitting the reimbursement request for the Marshfield Cultural Council grant for the 2017 Spring Lecture Series.

Website Update

Tabled

Adopt-an-Island- meeting with DPW

Tabled

Animal regulations & complaints locally/surrounding towns

Tabled

Goals for the upcoming year

Meet with other Town of Marshfield commissions and committees.

Develop a 1 or 5 year community garden plan.

Offer spring lecture series.

Offer Adopt-a-Seedling

The next meeting will be held Thursday, October 5, 2017, at 7:00 PM in Hearing Room 3 at Town Hall.

Lorrie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 PM. Annie seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Garretson Lowry, Secretary