

MARSHFIELD AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING
October 5, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM at Town Hall, Hearing Room 3.

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

Absent: Carleton Chandler, Robert Dougherty

The minutes from 9/12/17 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

Membership

Susan Keith has moved out of town and there are no alternate members for the Commission. The Commission would like to fill the two vacancies.

Update on Community Garden/ Mounce's Meadow Farming

Lorrie and Annie met with Bill Grafton, the Conservation Administrator to discuss Mounce's Meadow usage. Lorrie developed a description of properties and an application for the use of Marshfield's town-owned land for agriculture. The commission reviewed the description and application for submission.

Norwell Farms will let the subcommittee (Conservation Commission and Agricultural Commission) know if they would like to continue to use the Mounce's Meadow property by November 10, 2017.

Status on the grant reimbursement

An error was made in the paperwork by Marshfield Cultural Council, the reimbursement request for the Marshfield Cultural Council grant for the 2017 Spring Lecture Series will be \$625.00.

Website Update

Karen will follow up with Jon Nash regarding the login information to the town website.

Open Space Plan Review/ our involvement moving forward

Sarah has reviewed the Open Space Plan and will forward her notes to Lorrie.

Adopt-an-Island- meeting with DPW

Lorrie and Carolyn met with DPW Deputy Superintendent and Annmarie Sacchetti and offered our services to the Adopt- an-Island program.

Animal regulations & complaints locally/surrounding towns

Tabled

Goals for the upcoming year

It was agreed to scale back the Spring Lectures, maybe have one speaker with two lectures back to back.

Spring lecture subcommittee: Lorrie, Karen, and Carolyn.

It was agreed to scale back the Adopt-a-Seedling event to 500 seedlings. The event will be held May 19, 2018 , at the Farmers Market.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, November 11, 2017, at 7:00 PM in Hearing Room 3 at Town Hall.

Lorrie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 PM. Annie seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Garretson Lowry, Secretary