

MARSHFIELD AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING
November 8, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM at Town Hall, Hearing Room 3.

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

Absent: Carleton Chandler, Robert Dougherty

Guests: Ed Duane, Lisa Messersmith, James Summers

The minutes from 10/5/17 were accepted as amended. Lorrie motioned to accept the minutes as amended. Annie seconded the motion. All eligible members present approved the minutes as amended.

Treasury Report

Balance \$5,563.78

Membership

The commission would like to fill two vacancies. Norma Haskins has submitted an application to the town for review. Ed Duane will complete and submit an application for consideration.

Update on Community Garden/ Mounce's Meadow Farming

Annie provided an update on the community garden. The gardens are being cleaned up for winter. Annie's goal is that all plastic barriers for the gardens will be removed before winter.

A two page application has been created for the Mounce's Meadow farm land. An advertisement for a farmer has been posted on the Town of Marshfield, Agricultural Commission and Conservation Commission websites. The applications will be reviewed by a subcommittee assigned. The high tunnel on this site will be sold by the Macfarland's to either the incoming farmer or it will be relocated by the Macfarland's.

Website Update

Lorrie has contacted Jon Nash regarding the website access, Karen will follow up.

Adopt-an-Island

Karen has been maintaining the Agricultural Commission island in Marshfield Center on a daily basis.

2018 Lectures

The Spring Lectures will be held on Saturday 3/3/18, at the Marshfield Senior Center from 1-4 pm. A snow date of Saturday 3/10/18 has been selected.

There will be two lectures and one speaker for this event. Lorrie made a motion to approve a budget of up to \$1,100.00 for speaker fees, posters/brochures/handouts and COA janitorial services. Annie seconded the motion and all present were in favor.

Lorrie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 PM. Annie seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Garretson Lowry, Secretary

The next meeting will be held Thursday, January 25, 2018, at 7:00 PM in Hearing Room 3 at Town Hall.