

MARSHFIELD AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING
April 18, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:31 PM at Town Hall, Hearing Room 3.

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

Absent: Carleton Chandler, Ed Duane

Guest: Jean Ryer

Lorrie motioned to accept the minutes of 3/27/18 as amended. Norma seconded the motion. All eligible members present approved the minutes as amended.

Treasury Report

Balance \$5,134.85

Update on Community Garden/ Mounce's Meadow Farming

The Armstrong Fence company went to the community gardens for a site visit to provide an estimate for deer fencing, an estimate is pending.

The details for the farmers at Mounce's Meadow are continuing to be worked out.

Annie to confirm the DPW would remove trees at the Dubois property at Grove and Ferry Streets as potential additional community garden sites.

Legislation/Warrant article

Jean Ryer spoke on the warrant article 34, the reduction of single - use plastic bags.

Currently 66 towns in Massachusetts have supported this bylaw.

The commission is in support of this bylaw based on: sustainability, damage to aquaculture and danger to farm animals when ingested.

Lorrie made a motion to support this article. Norma seconded the motion and all present were in favor.

2018 Adopt-a-seedling

Carolyn is promoting the event in the local papers.

Lorrie and Karen are posting on-line releases for this event.

The doors to the Farmers market will not be open until 10 AM.

We have 7 volunteers for this event, a mix of community gardeners and commission members.

Website

Tabled.

Lorrie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. Norma seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Garretson Lowry, Secretary

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 29, 2018, at 7:30 PM, in Hearing Room 3.