

## Marshfield Agricultural Commission Minutes

Meeting of July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:10PM at 540 Union Street, Marshfield. Attending were Lorrie Dahlen, Carolyn Housman, Annie Massed, Karen Vieira, Sarah Garretson, Sue Keith and Norma Haskins.

Lorrie reports she met along with Conservation Commission Bert O'Donnell the neighbors of the Community Garden including Scott Stevenson and others to discuss their concerns with occurrences at the garden. Some of their concerns include:

- a. Over winter appearance (trash, etc.)
- b. Plastic blowing into their yards from the garden.
- c. Dogs allowed off leashes.
- d. Loud radio playing after dark.
- e. Use of chemical sprays at the garden.

Norma suggested a sign be made to remind gardeners of the rules. Lorrie suggested it may be time to find a second new Community Garden site. The Town owned property on Ferry St at the Centre Marshfield Cemetery is an option that could be suitable for a garden. It needs tree work done before it can be used. The previous owner's daughter lives next door and hopes a community garden could be done there. Using that property would free us of the requirement imposed by the Conservation Commission including a permanent fence to protect against deer. A brief discussion on the use of that property for the community garden.

Lorrie suggested she may get in touch with the DPW to see if we could get a load of gravel to Mr. Stevenson for him to keep the common driveway into our present garden under repair. There was a brief discussion on the use of all types of sprays at the garden, too. Annie said all sprays were organic.

Minutes- The minutes of the meeting of May 29<sup>th</sup> were reviewed. After a correction was noted Lorrie made a motion, seconded by Carolyn to accept the minutes as amended. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

The minutes of the meeting of June 22<sup>nd</sup> were reviewed. After an addition was made Lorrie made a motion, seconded by Karen to accept the minutes as amended. It was voted and passed, unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Haskins, Secretary