

Marshfield Agricultural Commission Minutes

Meeting of April 3, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7PM online because of the Corona Virus. Attending were Lorrie Dahlen, Ed Duane, Kristen Webb, Karen Vieira, Annie Massed, Carolyn Housman and Norma Haskins.

Lorrie read into the minutes all notes to conduct remote meetings.

Regular Meeting:

Secretary's Report. The minutes of the meeting of March 3rd were reviewed and amended. Lorrie made a motion to accept the minutes as amended by a roll call vote. All voted to accept the minutes as amended except Kristen and Karen who were not at that meeting.

CPC Planning- Lorrie advises that Town Meeting has been moved tentatively to the end of May and could be delayed even longer. She suggested we delay plans for Coast Guard Hill to mid-summer. As to the Community Garden Carolyn asked if we could pay for the compost from our own funds until CPC funding is approved by Town Meeting. We had a discussion of timing in order to be ready for this summer's gardeners. It was suggested perhaps we could have the compost dumped and allow the gardeners to move it themselves. We discussed the logistics of the use of CPC funds. Discussion on the compost moved to the next meeting.

Karen told us what she had learned about the shrubs for the screen. It's too early to make any decisions on them and it was decided to wait another few weeks to discuss it further. As to the shed for the generator Annie will contact the school and see if we can get on their list for later in the year to have the shop class build our shed. It would probably be in the fall when school starts again.

Garden Application - Lorrie presented some suggestions but it was decided to postpone this discussion to later due to the uncertainty of Corona Virus concerns. Ed commented that farmland is considered essential and therefore still allow to operate. It was discussed whether or not to advertise for more farmers for the garden and Carolyn suggested perhaps people would be looking for a place to grow their own produce. Lorrie will place a notice on our Facebook page. Annie & Carolyn to draft a release and send it to Lorrie. Lorrie made a motion, seconded by Annie to accept the revised list of Rules for the Community Garden. Motion was voted and passed, unanimously, by a roll call vote.

Adopt a Seedling- Michael Maresco has asked us to cancel the Adopt a Seedling Program for this spring. The Farmers Market is closed on May 16th. Lorrie said we could do online ordering and delivery. She discussed how the format would work for online purchasing. She suggested we keep on growing and we can discuss again at the next meeting.

Map Progress- Lorrie is working on the stickers for the map. As soon as it is done we can put it up on the website.

Meeting adjourned at 8PM.

Next meeting May 7th 7PM

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Haskins, Secretary