

Marshfield Agricultural Commission Minutes

Meeting of January 13th, 2021

Meeting called to order via Zoom at 7:04PM. Attending were Lorrie Dahlen, Karen Vieira, Kristen Webb, Carolyn Housman, Annie Massed, Ed Duane and Norma Haskins. Guest sitting in on meeting, Caleen Alexanderson.

Lorrie opened the meeting via roll call and read Notes to remote meetings into the minutes.

Secretary's Report- The minutes of the meeting of December 9th were reviewed. Lorrie made a motion, seconded by Annie to accept the minutes as amended. It was voted and passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

CPC Project- Lorrie shared with the commission the draft of the report from Environmental Consulting & Restoration ECR for RDA "Request for Determination of Applicability" for Mounce Meadows Wetlands Delineation. ECR was chosen for this part of the project. Review resulted in amendments to items on page 12. We discussed the amendment to a section of the parking area base and also the section on Planting of Native Vegetation. Karen sent all a report on shrub options including objective, criteria for selection and evergreen shrub options. We discussed the options. It was decided to go with evergreens as opposed to deciduous shrubs. Lorrie was also concerned with the path of the waterline. After discussion Lorrie will forward our comments to ECR.

Brief discussion of deer and small animal fencing was held. Annie is still working on getting the estimates needed. Annie contacted the high school to see if they could build the shed. She is still waiting to hear back from them.

Coast Guard Hill- Lorrie reports the raised bed kits were ordered, have arrived and are in storage at the Fairgrounds. We need to have the area cleared. Ed to call the DPW and see if they can assist in clearing the area.

Community Garden application- Lorrie asked each of us to review for possible changes for 2021. Annie reports 4 new applications for Mounce gardens and a need for a new lawnmower.

Map- The map is on the website. Norma has a second map and will make more as needed for posting after COVID restrictions ease.

Adopt a Seedling- Lorrie suggested we do two dates this year. An April date for cool weather crops and a May date for warm weather crops. Ed made a motion, seconded by Karen, to set aside \$750.00 for materials for seed starting. Voted and passed unanimously via a roll call vote.

Lorrie to send a mass email to all our followers regarding seedling sales. She asked if she could include seed sales to the email which would benefit the Farmers Market. There is a risk it would encourage people to grow their own and hurt the Adopt a Seedling event. After discussion

Karen made a motion, seconded by Annie to have Lorrie add seed sales to her email. Voted and passed, unanimously by a roll call vote.

Lorrie explained the need for a manager or overseer for the Coast Guard Hill gardens as none of us live in the area. A guest to our meeting, Caleen, lives near the site and would like to volunteer to help in that regard. We encouraged her to apply for membership in the Commission and accepted her offer of assistance.

Lorrie made a motion, seconded by Karen to adjourn the meeting at 8:19PM. It was voted and passed, unanimously by a roll call vote.

Next meeting scheduled for February 10th, 7PM. Postponed to 2/16 due to no ZOOM call start.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Haskins, Secretary