

MARSHFIELD AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING  
January 12, 2016

Meeting called to order 7:42 PM at the Town Hall, Hearing Room 2.

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

Absent: Carleton Chandler, Melody Quine

Guests: David and Pat Bean, John Hilton

The minutes from 12/7/15 meeting were reviewed and amended.

Lorrie motioned to accept the minutes as amended, Carolyn seconded the motion. All eligible members present approved the minutes as amended.

**Treasury Report**

**Balance \$4,797.70**

**Update on Spring Lecture Series from Subcommittee**

The date for the spring lectures is April 2 and five speakers have been selected.

The subcommittee requested a total budget of \$1,600.00 for this event. Lorrie made a motion to approve a budget of up to \$1,600.00. Annie seconded the motion and all present were in favor

**January Pot-Luck Dinner**

The commission attended the Plymouth County potluck held on 1/5/16 at the Duxbury Senior Center. There were about 35 people in attendance, including four Marshfield commission members.

**Town Island Update**

Karen has contacted the Marshfield DPW and we are adoptive parents of an island in Marshfield Center.

Lorrie made a motion to approve a budget of up to \$200.00 . Karen seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**Right to Farm Signage in town**

The commission will request the DPW to put up signs.

### **Community Garden Update**

Annie and John Hilton, a community gardener, reported that the water pump is not working and would like a new sand driven point put in to access water for the community gardens. Annie will talk to Jay Wennemer about the water issue. A community garden survey will be created and attached to the farmers market newsletter and the spring lecture releases.

### **Chicken Discussion**

David and Pat Bean of 297 Holly Road came to the commission to discuss a neighbors chickens which have been causing some concern. Their neighbors had three chickens and a rooster which had been roaming free range into the Bean's yard and porch. The Beans wanted to know if there were regulations on chicken keeping, and brought some suggested reference material. The commission informed them there were not regulations on chicken keeping, and that this was the first recorded complaint to the commission on chickens.

### **Working Session with the PR Subcommittee**

The commission decided to send the public relations letter to other boards and commissions. The Powerpoint presentation is being completed.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 2, 2016, at 7:30 PM, in the lunchroom at town hall.

Lorrie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 PM. Sarah seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Garretson Lowry, Secretary