

# Marshfield Agricultural Commission Minutes

Meeting held May 11, 2022

Meeting held via ZOOM. Attending were Lorrie Dahlen, Ed Duane, Cecilia Delgadillo, Kristen Webb, Caleen Alexanderson, Karen Vieira, Norma Haskins and guest Delia Longchamp.

Lorrie made a motion, seconded by Ed to open the meeting at 7PM. It was voted and passed, unanimously by a roll call vote. Lorrie read the Instructions to Remote Meetings.

Review Minutes- The minutes of the meeting of April 11<sup>th</sup> were reviewed. After review Lorrie made a motion, seconded by Karen to accept the minutes as written. It was voted and passed, unanimously by a roll call vote.

CPC Project Business-

Mounce's Meadow: Ed and Delia have been working on deciding if Amory Engineers will be able to complete this job. There was a brief discussion of this project, what is included and if we have the options to make adjustments as the project proceeds. Delia mentioned parts of the contract with Amory that needed more detail. Lorrie suggested that we remove the signage portion in the contract and leave the decisions on screen plantings to the end of the project. Lorrie is in favor of having Ed and Delia complete this project. It needs to be done by the end of June.

Coast Guard Hill: Caleen reports all the raised beds are complete and most need additional fill to ready them for planting. That will be done with soil already on the site. The CPC sign needs to be installed, Lorrie has the sign. Town meeting has approved CPC funding for the deer fencing and signage.

Community Garden Business- Ed reports that the work party at Mounce Meadow had a poor turnout but the preparations have been completed, the lawn cut and they are ready for planting. At Coast Guard Hill most of the raised beds are spoken for between gardeners and the boxes for the Rec. Center and the food pantry. There are a few left for those who would like them. There is a plot at Mounce Meadow for the food pantry. Cecilia is to meet with the food pantry to see what they would like us to grow for them as planting time is upon us.

At CGH work remaining includes moving the greenhouse, building a shed for storage of equipment and the compost bins. Cecilia suggested we could use a few more raised beds if there is room when we are finished.

Ed suggested we keep a record of complaints from abutters at Mounce Meadow and our response. Lorrie suggested he write up a report and forward it to Norma for the file.

Bat boxes- Mounce has 2 posts for the boxes but Lorrie said we have to get approval from Conservation to install these posts. At CGH the boxes will be installed in the trees nearby.

Ag Com Maps have been delivered to the Board of Health along with handouts. Lorrie would like to have a map posted at the Farmers Market

Adopt a Seedling- We discussed whether we should sell more online or keep most of the seedlings for the event in order to have more contact with residents to talk about their gardens. Kristen is to have the online option ready by Friday night. Karen to make up a cover letter to go with it. Discussions followed on preparations for the event and presentation of the seedlings and cuttings.

Ag Com appointments- Carleton Chandler has submitted his resignation and Delia is slated for appointment at the next meeting.

It's been confirmed that The Town will have the Garretson Cranberry barn for the display of historical and farming implements from Marshfield.

Lorrie announced that we have a need for senior tax workers for mowing at Coast Guard Hill and asks commission members to notify us if anyone they know is interested.

Next meeting scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Lorrie made a motion, seconded by Ed to adjourn at 8:05PM. It was voted and passed, unanimously by a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Haskins, Secretary