

Marshfield Agricultural Commission Minutes

Meeting of November 2nd 2023

Lorrie made a motion to open the Meeting at 7:03PM in Hearing Room 2 at the Town Hall. It was seconded by Ed, was voted and passed unanimously. Attending was Lorrie Dahlen, Ed Duane, Karen Vieira, Annie Massed, Delia and Calleen

Minutes: Meeting Minutes of July 19th 2023 were reviewed with no edits. Lorrie made a motion to approve minutes as written, Karen 2nd the motion. All approved the July minutes,

Community Preservation Committee (CPC) projects:

All CPC project have been completed at Mounce Meadows

The Coast Guard Hill (CGH) The greenhouse construction completion was deferred until next meeting. Kristen will report on the best plastic to use on the greenhouse to complete this project. Annie contacted Tom Greland, teacher in the carpentry department at the high school and he has agreed to build the shed. Dimensions (8 x 10) were given and approximate cost was discussed.

Manure/Compost

Meetings were held during the summer months to gather data on the animal manure brought to the dump and some of the issues in composting, fees and management. Laurie met with Sean Peterson, superintendent of DPW, and John Cussic, from the Board of Public health to discuss the issues and answer questions and concerns. The committee reviewed and discussed the power point that will be presented to the Board of Public Health at the library scheduled for November 13th at 6:15.

Community Gardens

CGH:

There were two extra plots at the garden. These plots were cleaned and planted by the gardeners. The food harvested was brought to the food pantry. The plan for next year is that one of the extra plots will be for gardeners to plant and share herbs and the other plot designated for the Food pantry. The two additional garden beds are designated for Recreation Center use.

Mounce:

There was minimal production in the food pantry plot at the garden. Annie will survey the gardeners and determine if they are interested in maintaining an extra plot for the food pantry. The two days of fall cleanup was productive. Activities included clearing land outside the fence on the north side, due to encroaching bushes, and compost, plots and fence maintenance. There was a harvest social gathering hosted by Carol Shrand to share this year's trials and tribulations, and make plans for the coming year.

The Boys and Girl Club have 12 garden beds. Delia will be writing a plan/program in support of their efforts.

Annual Report

2023 Annual Report was reviewed and amended. Lorrie motion that the annual report be accepted as amended. Ed second the motion. All approved the annual report.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm was made by Lorrie and seconded by Ed. All approved.

Respectfully Submitted

Annie Massed