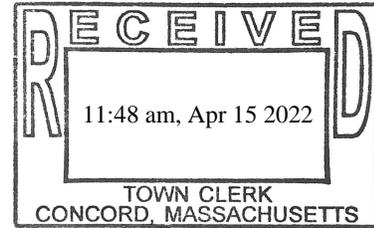


Minutes for Agriculture Committee meeting Thursday, February 17, 2022 Via Zoom:

Joe Rogers, associate member
Steve Verrill, member, Verrill Farm
Brian Cramer, Hutchins Farm
Lise Holdorf, Barretts Mill Farm
Liza Bemis, co – chair, Hutchins Farm
Dan Schmid, clerk, The Walden Woods Project Farm
Chip Poutasse, Brigham Farm
Melissa Maxwell, co-chair. Barretts Mill Farm



Call to order at 7:04pm Melissa chaired the meeting.

1. Review Minutes: December and January minutes were accepted. Melissa motioned their acceptance and Steve seconded it.
2. News about Concord Farms and Farmers: Steve said that Tory from minute man came to do a video. They did some seeding and germinating some pollinator plant seeds. Steve has been working on machinery the last few days. Tory was there for a couple of hours. These short videos will be going on youtube, the same as the other ones from last year. She is going to take stuff from all of them and she is going to make a larger film around ag day. There will be a play list so you can watch them consecutively. Dan asked if it was too early to prune blueberries. Brian said they usually prune in March. Brian said if you prune later in the spring, you can see the fruit buds.
3. Spring Forum updates: Steve said that there is a new pollinator person for the state. Her name is Hanna Whitehead. She is too busy to get involved in the spring forum now. Steve thought it would be better to come up with something different for Spring Forum. Steve told the pollinator committee that some of the farms in concord are planning to have for sale pollinator plants and seeds for the sale.

Melissa asked for other ideas for the spring forum. One idea is to have a video show. There is one short films from last year and maybe a few from this year that could be used. Dan offered to supply a projector. Steve has a popcorn maker. Chip suggested presenting it as a film festival. Some older films could be used such as a film about the Kenney Farm video about growing beans. There are some from the Simone Farm. The suggestion was to do with a question and answer between films. It could last for around an hour to an hour and a half. Steve offered a tent at Verrill Farm as a location. The film could be projected on a wall of the tent. Chip said that April would be good. Farmers can announce when they are going to be opened and what they are going to be selling. Liza said it could be billed as a time to talk to your farmer. People will come for popcorn. Liza said it could maybe be like Stone Soup with displays from individual farms. Steve suggested a pollinator display.

4. Concord Farms Videos Part 2: Barrett's Mill and The Walden Woods Project Farm are signed up to do a short video for the second part of videos. Verrill Farm has done theirs

this month. Liza us going to buzz Saltbox to set up one about their bees. Melissa is going to reach out to Saltbox as well.

5. Ag Day Update: Liza said that the Garden Club are not planning to do Kitchen tours this year. They plan to participate in Ag Day with a table. Liza is waiting for the town manager sign off on Ag Day. We are on the police schedule already. Since we know the date we could do some things ahead. Get the banner made, contact the Light Plant. Chip said that if there is a proposal to Stone Soup for funds toward the Ag Day and possible for the spring forum they would agree to funding.
6. Other business: none.
7. Public Comment: none.
8. Next meeting: March 10th.
9. Liza motioned to adjourn the meeting; Dan seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.