

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE
Minutes of August 4, 2015 meeting

Members present: Al Cyr (chair), Ed. Hall, Bryan Kielbania, Vicky Wetherell, Jennifer Kaufman (staff), Nancy Rawn (guest).

Meeting was called to order at 7:35.

Vicky was appointed acting secretary.

Minutes of the May 5, 2015 meeting were approved. (No quorum at the June and July meetings.)

Old Business

Outreach Activities

Celebrate Mansfield Festival The committee will have or share a table at this event on September 20, possibly using an old tools exhibit.

Walktober Bryan discussed possible activities at the Twin Ponds Farm tour on October 18.

Farm to Chef to be discussed at the next regional meeting of Agriculture Committees/Commissions of Mansfield and nearby towns. To prepare for this discussion, Al proposed developing a draft questionnaire for restaurants at the October meeting to be reviewed at the regional meeting. The regional meeting was proposed to be rescheduled to November 10 at 7:00 p.m., pending agreement by the participating towns for this date.

New Business

Membership Jennifer announced that Nancy Rawn and Terry Wohlen are in the process of joining the committee. Shep Stearns and Kathleen Paterson have resigned from the committee.

Permanent Preservation of Town-owned Farmland The committee will place this item on their December agenda.

Annual Report The committee reviewed a draft of their annual report.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45.