

MINUTES (DRAFT)

Members Present: J. Jeliffe, C. Kueffner, T. Wollen, E. Hall, D. Dorfer, M. Tindall (alt.), N. Rawn (alt.)

Members Absent: S. Stearns

Staff Present: J. Kaufman, Senior Planner/Inland Wetlands Agent

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

In S. Stearns absence, J. Jeliffe was appointed temporary Chair. Chair Jeliffe called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY

Nancy Rawn volunteered to be secretary for this meeting

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

MINUTES

January 15, 2020 minutes, January 30, 2020 minutes – T. Wollen motioned to accept the minutes and E. Hall seconded, the minutes passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

A. TASTE OF MANSFIELD- JIFF MARTIN, UCONN EXTENSION, ALEXIS MEEHAN, CANR (TASTE OF MANSFIELD INTERN)

Jiff provided the committee with an update on Taste of Mansfield. She is visiting all the partners to show the website and update on events and objective. Stated objective is to “Build Community Resilience by providing them with tools to find local food.” She gave a tour of the Taste of Mansfield website. New logo coordinates with new town logo. They are sponsoring the 2nd annual Friends and Farmers, on Feb. 22nd at the library. This is a new venue and other venues will be tried in the future.

A discussion ensued about the term “local”. Jiff clarified by defining local on the website as farms in Mansfield and adjacent towns. Jeremy added that local can be defined as a “food shed” in an area.

Jiff asked committee to consider what else Taste of Mansfield can do, “What is the next level?” It was suggested that a list of consumer questions could be provided for those seeking CSA’s and local food. A column where citizens could list favorite sources of “local” goods could be added.

B. MARCH 9, 2020 FARMERS FORUM

It was confirmed that Bryan O'Hara will be the speaker for the event. Jenn presented the finished flyer. Jenn reported that she had sent out info to neighboring towns and has gotten a good response. Name tags were suggested.

Format for evening discussed:

- Diane and Jeremy will share introduction
- Brian O'Hara will present for 30 minutes
- Time for Q and A
- Three minute summary by attending Ag Committee heads

C. FARM TO TABLE DINNER

Committee was given update on January 30th subcommittee meeting at library. Some consideration was given to alternate venues but prices did not conform to budget. Jenn reported that @\$500 was available from Taste of Mansfield and \$400 from town budget. Final decision was made to have the event at the library on July 26th. The tables will be set up outdoors, (no tent) if it is clear weather, and indoors at Buchanan Center if it rains. It will be a "Bring Your Own" place setting, but recyclable place settings will be available.

Suggestions made: Firm up per person price from caterer before March meeting. Survey farmers and find out who wants to provide food and what they have available. Secure Carolyn Stearns as storyteller.

D. MARKETING AND OUTREACH

None

E. MEMBERSHIP

Jenn reported that there was still an alternate position available on the committee.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Nancy Rawn was elected as Secretary.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM STAFF

None

FUTURE MEETINGS

It was agreed that the Committee would meet at 6:30, prior to Farmers Forum to discuss updates on Farm to Table Dinner.

J. Jeliffe adjourned the meeting at 8:36

Respectfully Submitted:

Nancy Rawn
Acting Secretary