

Draft Minutes

Members Present: S. Stearns (Chair), M. Tindall, C. Kueffner, L. Trovato, T Wollen
Members Absent: D. Dorfer, E. Hall
Guests Present A. Eitland
Staff Present: J. Kaufman, Senior Planner/Inland Wetlands Agent

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL Chair Stearns called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Kueffner to approve minutes of May 11 meeting. Seconded by Travato. Passed unanimously

Notes from June 8 meeting and August 24 meeting were accepted by the committee. (Neither meeting had a quorum.)

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Alex Eitland introduced himself and explained that he had recently purchased property on Mount Hope Road containing McLaughlin Pond through Golden Goat Farm, LLC. He shared his intentions for the new property.

OLD BUSINESS

Communications and marketing- the Farms to Families program was highlighted in the last newsletter. Social media posts are in progress. Kaufman and Stacey will coordinate with Margaret Chatey on schedule. Wollen is writing an article for town publications with the intention of becoming a regular contributor. Trovato reviewed ways that she could get some of the students from EO Smith's Agriculture Education program to contribute.

Agriculture Committee Website-Kaufman reviewed updates.

Pollinator Pathways- Ginny Walton working on a map. The agriculture committee could identify key properties to include on the map. Next meeting is 10/27 at 5 pm via zoom.

NEW BUSINESS

Cannabis Sales and Cultivation-Feedback on Proposed Approach

Linda Painter, Director of Planning and Development, introduced the proposed approach on cannabis sales and cultivation and reviewed and asked for feedback on the proposed approach the Town was taking based on recent legislation. PZC adopted a nine month moratorium, which will last until March 21, 2022 however the Town Council and PZC would like to update the zoning regulations before this time. Members expressed concerns about cultivation and agreed that allowing cultivation needed more research.

Membership- Rawn has resigned leaving an opening on the committee

Farms In Mansfield Update

Robert Cardinal is raising pheasants for game farms

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS AND STAFF

Kueffner expressed his concern on continuing to see barrier curbs on some newly resurfaced roads.

COMMUNICATIONS

Kaufman noted that the native plants and pollinators conference at UConn on November 5th.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Members concurred that meeting every other month would be satisfactory; November 9 will be the committee's next meeting date.

ADJOURNMENT-

Kueffner moved to adjourn. Tindall seconded . Meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

C. Kueffner, Acting Secretary