

October

Lakeville Agriculture Commission - October 15 2019- 7:07 PM

Held at Council on Aging

Attendance: Dave Thomas, Crystal Ng, Cindy Barber, Hank Van Laarhoven

Absent - Joan Morton, Jared Darling

Minutes: September 17, 2019 - Read and Approved.

August 20, 2019 - Read and Approved.

Right To Farm Bylaw: Cindy met with Maureen, Town Administrator, and gave her a copy of our Right To Farm Bylaw. Cindy will attend the Selectmen's Meeting on Oct 28, 2019 and seek permission to put on the agenda for the Town Meeting. When vote is positive proper signs will be placed in strategic areas around town. The Agricultural Commission will purchase these signs.

Farmers Market: Crystal checked into the City of New Bedford and discovered that the City had Multiple Farmer's Markets. They have developed a sliding costing scale for Vendors. The cost is discounted when Vendors pay up front instead of week to week for the season. New Bedford charges between \$15.00 and \$18.00 and Kingston charges \$18.00 There will be no cooking on site, however, Vendors with prepared food must supply certification as required by the Lakeville Board Of Health. New Bedford has multiple days per week and Crystal questioned the possibility of Lakeville doing this. Crystal also mentioned New Bedford's indoor Farmers Markets and saw opportunities. Cindy stated that Vendors selling food will need proper paper work and proof of insurance. Cindy emailed Board Members the Survey Monkey with proper questions as requested by the Board of Selectmen and is posted on the Town Website. Lakeville Agriculture Commission funding needs were questioned. Although Ted Williams Park has Wi Fi we might have to consider additional costing. We need to develop a Website which takes funding. We must charge for power needs. The Ag Commission may accept checks. Bounced Checks will bar the Vendor from the Site. Maureen advised Cindy that her office will help with developing grants. Crystal and Cindy will also work on grant development. There are also other grants that we are investigating.

Park Commission Meeting: This went very well. They are very supportive.

How to Support Agriculture in Lakeville: John Deere allows grants for equipment purchase. We can set up Videos and links to various grants on our Website.

Any Other Business: Received a call on legality of roosters. They are legal.

Adjourn: 8:15 PM