

Bozrah Agriculture Commission Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, March 28, 2023 6:00 pm NOTE NEW TIME!

Maples Farm Park Homestead

1. Attendance/ Introductions
2. Public Input
3. Review of Minutes November 15, 2022 Meeting
4. Old Business
 - a. 2023 BAC Scholarships
 - i. Donation Status
 - ii. Donation thank you plan
 - iii. 2023 Scholarship application review (sent in separate email)
 - b. Riverwalk Improvement Plan – update
 - c. 2023 Agriculture Commission Events
 - i. Memorial Day Parade
 - ii. Tractor Night at Farmer’s Market
 - iii. Ag in the Classroom
 - iv. Bozrah Farm to Table Event – proposed date August 26, 2023
5. New Business
 - a. BAC Vacancies
 - b. Other
6. Other Business
7. Future Agendas
8. Announcements/Reminders
9. Public Input
10. Adjourn





Bozrah Agriculture Commission

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Tuesday November 15, 2022 7:00 p.m.

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Present: Sarah Brush, Amanda Fargo-Johnson, Cheryl Carberry, Molly Lathrop, Joe Christina, Stephanie Fear
Absent: Abi Christina

1. Attendance/ Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by Sarah Brush. The meeting was held at Maples Farm Park Homestead.

2. Public Input: none

3. Review of Minutes: Amanda moved to accept the minutes of the May 24, 2022 meeting Molly seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion was passed.

4. Old Business:

- **2023 BAC Scholarships-** There is currently \$430 in this account. Cheryl will edit the application and present it to the commission at our next meeting for review.
- **Memorial Day Parade** – Everyone agreed the parade float was a success, and we want to do this again next year with a different theme.
- **Tractor Night at Farmer’s Market** - This was successful and we will plan to do it again next year.
- **Ag in the Classroom** – This was successful, and we will plan to do it again next year possibly with a pollinator theme.
- **Bozrah Commissions Appreciation Local Food Potluck** –Molly read a thank you card that was received from Ray Barber who attended this event. His feedback was all positive. Commission members also felt it went well. We will plan earlier as a commission next year. We will call it “farm to table” instead of locavore to reflect community understanding. A date of August 26, 2023 was proposed. We may invite ag commissions from other towns.
- **Riverwalk Improvement Plan** – Sarah reported she has bluebird boxes to install and will connect with the Director of Public Works to ensure they are placed in the correct spot.

5. New Business:

- **2023 BAC events:** We plan to do most of the things we did last year.
- **2023 Meeting Dates:** Amanda moved to accept the proposed dates of January 24, 2023, March 28, 2023, May 23, 2023, September 26, 2023, and November 14, 2023. Molly seconded. Motion passed. Cheryl will notify town officials of the meeting dates.
- Cheryl moved to accept with regret and appreciation the resignations of Joe and Abi Christina from the BAC. Molly seconded. Discussion was held. Motion passed. Cheryl will inform Glenn Pianka of the vacancies so he can advertise.
- Cheryl moved to change the BAC meeting times for 2023 to 6pm. Stephanie seconded. Discussion was held. Motion passed.

6. Other Business: None

7. Future Agendas: The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 24, 2023. The agenda will reflect the minutes of this meeting. We will start planning our 2023 activities.

8. Announcements/Reminders: A Bozrah Farmers Holiday Market is being held this Saturday and has 75 vendors. Amanda announced the Connecticut Ag Expo is being held on Friday, and she will attend.

9. Public Input: None

10. Adjourn: Amanda moved to adjourn the meeting; Abi seconded the motion; the motion was passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm. An apple pie made by Molly was shared in celebration of the dedication and time given by Joe and Abi Christina to the BAC.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Carberry

BAC Secretary



Bozrah Agriculture Commission

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Tuesday May 24, 2022 7:00 p.m.

Present: Sarah Brush, Amanda Fargo-Johnson, Cheryl Carberry, Molly Lathrop, Abi Christina

Absent: Joe Christina, Stephanie Fear

1. Attendance/ Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Sarah Brush. The meeting was held at Maples Farm Park Homestead.

2. Public Input: none

3. Review of Minutes: Upon reviewing the March 22, 2022 meeting minutes, two errors were discovered; one is the parade time is at 1pm not 10am; the second edit is the town is running the summer program not FMS. Amanda moved to accept the minutes of the March 22, 2022 meeting pending the two corrections as noted. Abi seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion was passed unanimously. Cheryl will edit the minutes to reflect the corrections before finalizing them.

4. Old Business:

- **2022 BAC Sponsorships-** Cheryl shared a donation announcement she created for the TWIB and a donation jar. Discussion was held as to as to how to advertise without committing to a specific scholarship amount. We don't know how much we will collect and cannot make this amount official until closer to the time of advertising the scholarship to the students. Cheryl will edit the document and create a donation jar and TWIB announcement. Sarah's farm is generously donating potted marigolds to decorate our parade float with and to sell at the end of the parade; the funds collected will go into the scholarship fund along with the money Sarah is holding.
- **Memorial Day Parade** - Molly has secured a tractor to be driven by her husband and a hay wagon; the parade will be held on Saturday, May 28th at 1:00 pm. We will use our new banners for the float. Molly needs to be reimbursed for the banners. We will go to Molly's farm after this meeting to plan the float and will decorate it on Saturday morning.
- **Tractor Night at Farmer's Market** - This event will be on Friday, July 15, 2022. Sarah says we are all set for this. Amanda will publicize this event. Cheryl will bring the BAC display to the market and will bring the donation jar for scholarship funds. Commission members will need to take turns at the market display and the display materials and donation jar will need to be collected at the end. We will need to touch base when the event is closer to decide who can do this.
- **Ag in the Classroom** – This activity is planned to be held this summer – date TBD. Molly & Cheryl will organize and participate; we are planning to do a fiber theme.
- **Bozrah Commissions Appreciation Local Food Potluck** –This event will be held at MFP on August 20, 2022 from 5-7pm; Amanda will create an invitation and send out in early

summer. The invitation will be addressed to include the family and friends of Bozrah volunteers and commission members.

- **Fiber Night at the Farmer's Market** - A fiber theme will be held to coincide with a regular Farmer's Market. Sarah will reach out to the market manager for availability; we are hoping to do this on the same night as Harvest Night in September; We are hoping to collaborate with the market manager to solicit fiber vendors.
- **Riverwalk Improvement Plan** – A discussion was held about asking Mr. Picard at Lebanon Ag Center if we can purchase bluebird boxes that the students make. No specific action was taken on this issue.

5. New Business: None

6. Other Business: None

7. Future Agendas: The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 27, 2022. The agenda will reflect the minutes of this meeting.

8. Announcements/Reminders: Amanda announced CRCD is hosting a Hemp Webinar Series and a CT River Aquatic Invasives Webinar Series; more information can be found on ctrcd.org.

9. Public Input: None

10. Adjourn: Amanda moved to adjourn the meeting; Abi seconded the motion; the motion was passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Carberry

BAC Secretary