

Bozrah Agriculture Commission Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, November 15, 2022 7:00 pm

Maples Farm Park Homestead

1. Attendance/ Introductions
2. Public Input
3. Review of Minutes May 24, 2022 Meeting
4. Old Business:
 - a. 2022 BAC Scholarships - Donation Status
 - a. 2022 Agriculture Commission Events – discussion on this year’s activities
 - i. Memorial Day Parade
 - ii. Tractor Night at Farmer’s Market
 - iii. Ag in the Classroom
 - iv. Bozrah Commissions Appreciation Local Food Potluck
 - b. Riverwalk Improvement Plan – update and next steps
5. New Business –
 - a. 2023 Agriculture Commission Events
 - b. Proposed 2023 Meeting Dates
 - i. January 24, 2023
 - ii. March 28, 2023
 - iii. May 23, 2023
 - iv. September 26, 2023
 - v. November 14, 2023
 - c. Other
6. Other Business
7. Future Agendas
8. Announcements/Reminders
9. Public Input
10. Adjourn





Bozrah Agriculture Commission

Monthly Meeting Minutes

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

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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



Bozrah Agriculture Commission

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Tuesday March 22, 2022 7:00 p.m.

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

1. Attendance/ Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 7:07 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 January 25, 2022 meeting. Molly seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion was passed unanimously.

4. Old Business:

- **2022 BAC Sponsorships-** Cheryl reported that the paper application has been changed to an electronic format. Despite several calls and emails to potential applicants and the staff at Lyman Memorial High School's agricultural education program, no applications were received this year. We currently have a \$25 balance in our scholarship fund but more donations are anticipated. All future donation checks should be to FMS Student Activity Fund and Agriculture Commission should be written on the memo line. Cheryl will create a donation announcement for the TWIB.
- **Memorial Day Parade** - Molly is securing a tractor driven by her husband and a hay wagon; the parade will be held on Saturday, May 28th at 1:00 pm. A potential theme was discussed. Molly moved to use BAC money to purchase two banners for the float and for use at other BAC activities. Joe seconded the motion. Discussion was held about pricing, look and size of the banners. Molly will look into this. The motion passed.
- **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 make a donation jar for scholarship funds.
- **Ag in the Classroom** – This activity is planned to be held this summer; the Town of Bozrah is planning to move forward with summer programs; Molly & Cheryl will organize and participate.
- **Bozrah Commissions Appreciation Local Food Potluck** – Molly reserved a date for this event at MFP on August 20, 2022 from 5-7pm; there is no fee for this to the BAC; Amanda will create an invitation; RSVPs are needed for a headcount so we can continue planning.
- **Fiberfest** - Joe reported about location concerns that have arisen; Amanda proposed we hold a fiber theme at a regular Farmer's Market night to ensure a successful event; BAC members supported this idea; Sarah will reach out to the market manager for availability; we are hoping to do this on the same night as harvest night; Further planning will occur at our next meeting.

- **Riverwalk Improvement Plan** – Amanda reported that she had not heard back from the DEEP; Sarah reported that she has attended a town meeting and attained approval from the Board of Selectmen to put up bluebird boxes. The potential for partnering with the Bozrah Wetlands Commission was discussed. Cheryl shared an informative and inspiring article with BAC members about a similar improvement project that was done in Connecticut by collaborative groups of volunteer groups. Much discussion followed on ideas and the potential for improving this area but no official decisions were made.

5. New Business:

- Molly created the BAC logo so it can be ironed onto shirts that we can wear at BAC functions. Molly taught members how to apply the logo on the shirt after the meeting. They look great!

6. Other Business: None

7. Future Agendas: The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 24, 2022. The agenda will reflect the minutes of this meeting.

8. Announcements/Reminders: Amanda announced CRCDC is hosting a Compost Webinar Series during March and April; more information can be found on <https://ctrcd.org/connecticut-compost-webinar/>.

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 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Carberry

BAC Secretary