



# Bozrah Agriculture Commission

## Monthly Meeting Minutes

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

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**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 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. 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; FMS 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 CRCD 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**