



# Bozrah Agriculture Commission

## Monthly Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 25, 2021 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Sarah Brush, Amanda Fargo-Johnson, Abi Christina, Joe Christina, Cheryl Carberry,

**Public Guests:** Ella Caplet (sponsorship applicant), Michel Leask (coordinating Zoom meeting)

**Absent:** Molly Lathrop, Stephanie Fear

1. **Attendance/ Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Sarah Brush
2. **Public Input:** none
3. **Review of Minutes:** Abi moved to accept the minutes of the March 23, 2021 meeting; Joe seconded the motion; the motion was passed.
4. **Old Business:**
  - **Bozrah History Video:** No new information; Sarah will contact Steve who has thumb drives that can be converted to a DVD.
  - **2021 Sponsorship:** The commission members interviewed Ella Caplet to learn more about her SAE project of bee keeping. Cheryl moved to award the \$250 sponsorship to Ella. Abi seconded the motion. Discussion was held. The vote was passed unanimously. Cheryl will contact Ella to notify her of the award and to set up a time to present it to her. The commission members will be notified of this date so they can also attend if they wish. Cheryl will contact Diana Santos to attain the check from the town for Ella. Cheryl will submit notification of the award to the TWIB.
  - **Bozrah Grown Display Board & Easel:** Amanda reported that she had picked up these items. A discussion was held as to where to keep the display board while not in use at the Bozrah Farmer's Market Tractor Night. Sarah and Amanda will investigate options.
  - **2021 Events:**
    - **Canning Webinar** – Due to the extremely high number of videos on canning strawberries that already exist, it was decided that this event will be postponed until it can be done in person.
    - **Tractor Night at Farmer's Market** – Sarah reported that we are still waiting on more information but we are hoping to do this in summer. We need state guidelines on how farmer's markets will operate this year. The anticipated date for Tractor Night is July 16, 2021.
    - **Farmers of Bozrah Interviews** – We would like to start doing these this summer. Interviews will be only a minute in length and will include information from Bozrah farmers such as their name, the farm name, a brief

description of their business, what is in season, hours of operation and contact information. Interviews will be posted on BAC social media.

- **Fiberfest** – Because this is a first time event for a the BAC and we are still unsure what the pandemic protocols will be in the fall, it was decided to postpone this event until 2022. Abi’s strong efforts into organizing this event were acknowledged.

**5. New Business:**

- None

**6. Other Business:**

- Amanda reported that the CT Resource Conservation and Development planning an agroforestry workshop on July 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm with a virtual tour of the Adamah Farm. Information will be on ctrcd.org soon. She also noted that the Connecticut Department of Agriculture is strongly promoting their new brand.

**7. Future Agendas:** The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 28, 2021. The agenda will reflect the minutes of this meeting. We are hoping to have an in-person meeting that the public can also attend.

**8. Announcements/Reminders:** None

**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 7:43pm

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Cheryl Carberry**

**BAC Secretary**