



Bozrah Agriculture Commission

Draft of Monthly Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 22, 2020 7:00 p.m.

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Present: Sarah Brush, Amanda Fargo-Johnson, Molly Lathrop, Cheryl Carberry, Abi Christina, Joe Christina **Absent:** Steve Seder. **Public Guests:** Michel Leask (coordinating Zoom meeting)

1. **Attendance/ Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Sarah Brush
2. **Public Input:** none
3. **Review of Minutes:** Amanda moved to accept the minutes of the May 26, 2020 meeting; Molly seconded the motion; the motion was accepted with a unanimous vote.
4. **Old Business:**
 - **Bozrah History Video:** Duplication for distribution; tabled in the absence of Steve Seder
 - **Bozrah Grown Logo:** Amanda presented various logo options; Commission members voted on their favorite; Amanda moved to accept the group's favorite logo as presented; Joe seconded the motion; Motion passed unanimously. Amanda will create a PDF of the logo and distribute it to BAC members for use.
 - **Bozrah Grown Display Board:** Amanda will coordinate putting together a final product and will share with members to solicit feedback. A few more photos would be appreciated!
 - **2020 Events:** Due to the current pandemic, the Agriculture Commission's planned events were cancelled.
 - Canning Workshop– Webinar discussed however it is too late in the growing season now, and Bozrah had a frost last night.
5. **New Business:**
 - **2021 Events** – all are dependent on the state of the current pandemic
 - **Canning Workshop:** A strawberry canning webinar was discussed; this would be held in April/May and organized by Molly.
 - **Tri-town Workshop:** Looking for topics; may need to be held later than February due to pandemic and governor's gathering limit order. Also a webinar format is an alternative possibility. "Irrigation Methods" was suggested as a possible topic in response to the drought we are currently in.
 - **Tractor Night at Farmer's Market:** Hoping to do this in July
 - **Fiber Festival:** To be decided at another meeting
 - **Ag in the Classroom:** Abi suggested creating a farm visit webinar that could be shared with Field Memorial School to promote agriculture.

- **2021 Sponsorships:** Molly thinks there are definitely eligible students this year. Cheryl will update the sponsorship form and will verify the correct information is on the town website. We plan to use our line item in town budget and any monies raised this year to support the two sponsorships. Sarah has \$50 to contribute to the BAC account with the town.
 - **BAC Officer Positions:** Sarah and Amanda offered their positions to anyone that is interesting in serving as President or Vice President. Sarah will reach out to Steve to see if he is interested in continuing to serve on the BAC.
6. **Other Business:** There is a new small farm in town on Lake Road that sells organic, heirloom vegetables and firewood and has planted evergreen trees. Sarah welcomed the farmer and offered support.
 7. **Future Agendas:** The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 17, 2020. The agenda will reflect the minutes of this meeting. Dates for next year's meetings will be selected.
 8. **Announcements/Reminders:** Amanda announced a series of composting webinars were being held through CTRCD and she will send out information on these.
 9. **Public Input:** None
 10. **Adjourn:** Cheryl moved to adjourn the meeting; Molly seconded the motion; the motion was passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:41pm

Next Agriculture Commission meeting is November 17, 2020