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Attest: Cynthia J. Matteau
Town Clerk

Plainfield Agriculture Commission

March 23, 2022

Regular Meeting

7:00 pm

Community Room, lower level

Agenda

REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Adoption of Minutes – Regular Meeting March 23, 2022
3. Old Business
 - a. Small Group Updates – as needed
 1. Community Outreach
 2. Scholarship and Fundraising
 3. Winter Market
 4. Right to Farm
 5. Farmers Market
 6. Plainfield Farming History Project
 - b. Open Space Project
 - c. Community Events (events attended, upcoming events, agricultural highlights)
4. New Business
 - a. Committee Review

Updated: 9/28/2020, 1/27/2020

Created: April 23, 2018

Plainfield Agriculture Commission - SMALL GROUPS

Small Group	Description	Coordinator	Team Members
Community Outreach	Tree Programs - The commission selects content for presenters, researches and reaches out to potential presenters, Requests Information for Public Relations from presenters, informs commission Seed Library- Research location for seed library, storage unit, how to categorize, implement and maintain. Monitor and collect data on its usage Community Garden - Research phase, partnering with town officials	Vern Gray	Chris Barber Sherry Harmon
Scholarship and Fundraising	Fundraising - Researching funding streams to support Agriculture Commission projects. Also captured here is the scholarship raffia, which is held during the Annual Winter Market. Scholarship - Responsible for modifying scholarship application, sending it to high schools during their scholarship period, selecting a recipient, presenting scholarship at the high school awards night, creating letter of selection, creating and sending letter inviting recipient to December meeting, generating certificate, inviting select people to attend meeting	Mike Desjardins	Jo Ann Desrochers Vern Gray Chris Barber Sherry Harmon
Winter Market	Securing date and location. Creating and distributing applications. Fielding questions from interested vendors. Maintaining table fees and depositing with the finance department at the Town Hall, researching and staying current with license and permit requirements. Creating feedback surveys. Supporting setup, event and cleanup. Requesting payment for helter. Maintaining event records, including names, addresses and contact information of vendors	Sherry Harmon	Mike Desjardins Chris Barber
Right to Farm	Commission has researched Right to Farm, a packet can be made for new members. At this point, a draft made from a template needs to be created, proofed and presented to selectmen. Future steps require review from town's attorney, meeting/town vote	Chris Barber	Mike Desjardins Jo Ann Desrochers
Farmers Market	Initial research conducted at onset of the Plainfield Agriculture Commission ordinance. This was created under the Tendich leadership for collaboration. It will continue with the Cunningham leadership. This may include further research with other communities with farmers markets, grant research, other funding streams, design, etc.	Jennie Kapinskiewicz	

b. Short and Long Term Goal reflection

Plainfield Agriculture Commission – Short and Long Terms Goals Prioritized – 1/27/20, 8/25/19, 9/26/16

Goal	Completed	Short Term Goals	Ease of Implementation			Impact for the Community		
			1 Easy	2 Moderate	3 Difficult	1 Low	2 Moderate	3 High
Spring 2016	✓	Logo / Mission Statement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aug. 2016	Every year	Float in the VJ Day Parade	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
End of 2016		Establish a Website	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	On going	Community Lessons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mid-2016		Grown in Plainfield Brochure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2017 +	On going	Walktober (support existing event)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2016		Children Events (apple picking, pumpkin carving, planting seeds, etc)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2021 – 5 years		Plainfield Ag Day	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
End of 2016		Establish a Budget	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3 + years		Farmers market – Permanent/year long	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
When offered		Training for emergency personnel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2016		Brochures/literature for community	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Plainfield Agriculture Commission – Short and Long Terms Goals Prioritized – 1/27/20, 8/25/19, 9/26/16

Goal	Completed	Long Term Goals	Ease of Implementation			Impact for the Community		
			1 Easy	2 Moderate	3 Difficult	1 Low	2 Moderate	3 High
End of 2016		Establish Trust with Plainfield Farmers (survey to determine needs)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2017		Survey Community on Agriculture needs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3+ years		Establish a Community Garden	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
On going		Save Open Space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
End of 2016		Resource database for farmers and community members	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ongoing		Look at and suggest modifications if appropriate on zoning regulations for Ag related activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 years		Establish an Ordinance for tax breaks on Ag structures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 years		Right to Farm Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5+ years		Create a history of Plainfield Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ongoing		Encourage community members in all 4 districts to connect with farms and agriculture in town.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. Public Comment

6. Next Meeting: Regular Meeting on May April 25, 2022

7. Motion to Adjourn