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**Plainfield Agriculture Commission**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Monday June 28, 2021**

**7:00 pm**

**Location:** Plainfield Town Hall pavilion

**Time:** Chairperson Jennie Kapszukiewicz called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

**Members Present:** Jo-Ann Desrochers, Vernon Gray, Jr., Sherry Harmon, Jennie Kapszukiewicz

**Absent:** Mike Desjardins

**Alternates Present:** – None

**Absent:** Chris Barber, (2 alternate vacancies)

**Public Present:** Paul Desrochers

**Approval of Minutes:** Vernon Gray, Jr. moved to accept the meeting minutes from May 24, 2021. Sherry Harmon seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

**Old Business:**

a. **Small Group Updates**

1. **Community Outreach** – The Commission agreed to plan an outreach for September. Vernon suggested using one of his two weekends for Walk-to-ber 2021. The September date is the American Flag History and the one planned for October is leaf identification. Jennie will make a Facebook post to see if there is any ideas from the community. Vernon also gave an update on his special farm project. He has met with Dan Evans with the Pachaug State Forest Head Quarters to review ariel maps of the Spaulding Road area. His next plans are to begin researching the land records. Vernon has also made contact with Ruth Bergeron, with the Plainfield Historical Society regarding his pursuit.
2. **Scholarship and Fundraising** – The commission selected Bailey Hirschboeck of Sterling, CT to be the 2021 recipient of the scholarship. The commission agreed to invite the 2019 and 2020 recipients to the December 2021 meeting to also be recognized due to Covid and missed meetings.
3. **Winter Market** – No update.

4. **Right to Farm** – No update.

5. **Farmers Market** – Jennie shared with the commission the minutes of the Conservation Commission. The survey was completed and the results were discussed. No Agriculture Commission members had knowledge of the survey being conducted. Please see minutes from the Conservation Commission dated 5-17-21. Jennie will reach out to Wally Cwynar to inquire about more details.

b. **Community Events** (events attended, upcoming events, agricultural highlights)

-Jennie Kapszukiewicz shared that her farm hosted a video taping for UCONN's SARE project on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

-Jennie shared that a 2.2 million dollar grant to revitalize the Plainfield Quinnebaug River Trail was announced last week.

-Sherry will create a Facebook post to determine the roadside farm stands/farms in Plainfield to highlight on the Facebook page with items and practice.

-The US Small Business Administration is holding a Powering Rural event on June 30, 2021 @ 3:00 PM.

**New Business:** No new business

**Public Comment:** Paul Desrochers shared that the farmers markets that they attend have been successful (Stonington-Saturdays 9-12, Dennison-Sundays 12-3 and Coventry-Sundays 10-1).

**Next Meeting:** There is no scheduled July meeting, so next meeting of the Plainfield Agriculture Commission will be a regular meeting on Monday August 23, 2021

**Adjournment:** Sherry Harmon moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37pm. Vernon Gray, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor; motioned carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jennie Kapszukiewicz, Chair