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## **Plainfield Agriculture Commission**

### **Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, September 27, 2021**

**Location:** Plainfield Town Hall Community Room

**Time:** Chairperson Jennie Kapszukiewicz called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**Members Present:** Mike Desjardins, Jo-Ann Desrochers, Sherry Harmon, Jennie Kapszukiewicz

**Absent:** Vernon Gray, Jr.

**Alternates Present:**

**Absent:** Chris Barber, 2 vacancies

**Public Present:** Paul Desrochers

**Approval of Minutes:** Sherry Harmon moved to accept the meeting minutes from August 23, 2021. Jo-Ann Desrochers seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

### **Old Business**

#### **a. Small Group Updates**

- i. Community Outreach** – Jennie will be promoting the Walktober Events happening at Vernon Gray, Jr's farm in Plainfield, which will be a leaf hunt on 10-11-2021 from 10:00-11:30 and 2:00-3:30.
- ii. Scholarship and Fundraising** – No update.
- iii. Winter Market** – Sherry provided an update on the 2022 Winter Market.
  - The event will be held Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in the Plainfield Town Hall Auditorium. Set up will be Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, as the town hall is closed on Fridays.
  - Snow dates: Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup>, with set up on March 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - Vendors will be distributed in Auditorium and Hallway in 6 foot spaces with applications going on at the end of October on a first come first serve return basis.

- Sherry will work on a raffle donation letter for Mike to use.
- Floor Plan – Jennie will create a potential floor plan to use during the market and bring to October meeting.
- Sherry Harmon will reach out to Lisa Church as a possible food vendor.

iv. **Right-To-Farm Ordinance** – No Update.

v. **Farmers Market** – No Update.

- b. **Community Events** – Jennie invited Commission members and guests to share agricultural events in the community, whether previously attended or upcoming events.
- Celebrating Agriculture in Woodstock was held on Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup>. Jennie volunteered with her three children.
  - Hall Homestead is open for pick-your-own Monday through Saturday 2:00-6:00 PM and Sunday from 3:00-6:00 PM

### New Business

- a. **Meeting Schedule** – Jennie proposed to members that she would like to personally become more involved in other town and community meetings and would need to move the Agriculture Commission meeting off of a Monday night. Members present did not see an issue with looking into alternatives.
- b. **Open Space** – There will be a second meeting to discuss the open space options on October 4, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium.
- c. **Hyperlinks** – Investigate how the hyperlinks have found themselves on the Agriculture Commission page of the website and move to the October meeting to determine if the commission supports their missions. Jennie will bring link descriptions.

Public Comment: None.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting of the Plainfield Agriculture Commission will be held on Monday, October 25, 2021 in the Community Room on the lower level of the town hall.

Adjournment: Sherry Harmon moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:17pm. Mike Desjardins seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jennie Kapszukiewicz