



Plainfield Agriculture Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday October 25, 2021

7:00 pm

Location: Plainfield Town Hall Community Room

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

Members Present: Mike Desjardins, Vernon Gray, Jr., Jennie Kapszukiewicz

Absent: Jo-Ann Desrochers, Sherry Harmon

Alternates Present: – None

Absent: Chris Barber, (2 alternate vacancies)

Public Present: None.

Approval of Minutes: Mike Desjardins moved to accept the meeting minutes from September 27, 2021. Vernon Gray, Jr seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Old Business:

a. Small Group Updates

1. **Community Outreach** – The Commission promoted the Last Green Valley’s Walktober events occurring at Gray Ledge Farm as their fall community outreach.
 - **9/26/2021** – American Flag History Hike – approximately 15 participants
 - **10/11/2021** – Leaf Hunt – approximately 20 participantsRanger Bill of the Last Green Valley has a new program on skulls. Vern will make arrangements for him to attend our January 2022 meeting to make a presentation.
2. **Scholarship and Fundraising** – Jennie will send letters to our current recipient, as well as the 2019 and 2020 recipient to attend our December meeting for recognition.
3. **Winter Market** – Jennie took measurements of the auditorium and will be making a digitized map of the space.
4. **Right to Farm** – No update.

5. **Farmers Market** – No update.

- b. **2022 Meeting schedule** – Move to next meeting for a majority.
- c. **Community Events** (events attended, upcoming events, agricultural highlights)
 - Trunk or Treat and Cow Patty BINGO on 10/31/2021
 - Tree Lighting ceremony in December

New Business:

a. Links on the Agriculture section of the Town's website

- Jennie printed descriptions for each of the links for the commissions review. Will wait until next meeting for final decisions.
- Present members added the following as possible additional links
 - Connecticut Christmas Tree Grower's Association
 - Connecticut Farm Bureau
 - NRCS

b. October 4th, 2021 – Open Space Meeting

- Jennie provided a brief update on the second town meeting held to discuss the open space project near Kate Downing Road. It was better attended than the first with new citizens attending. Members of the Conservation Commission spoke about their concerns and ideas for the space. A resident who lives across the street also contributed to the discussion regarding plans for securing the location. Some additional people signed up to be part of the planning committee. No information yet, pertaining to the details of the planning committee.

Public Comment: None.

Next Meeting: Regular meeting on Monday November 22, 2021 inside the town hall. Location to be determined.

Adjournment: Mike Desjardins moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm. Vernon Gray, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor; motioned carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jennie Kapszukiewicz, Chair