

# Stockbridge Agricultural and Forestry Commission Meeting

## November 7, 2022 Minutes

### Present

Agricultural and Forestry Commission	Guests
Mathieu Boudreau, chair Erik Rasmussen, co-chair Lisa Bozzuto Abigail Fredsall Shelby Marshall	Conservation Commission: Ron Brouker Charlotte Underwood-Miller Tom Labelle

1. Erik called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.
  - a. Lisa made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of October 3. Motion approved unanimously.
2. **Discussion:** Woolly Adelgid around the Stockbridge Bowl
  - a. Guest: Conservation Commission Members
  - b. We can educate landowners around the Bowl about the Woolly Adelgid, and encourage everyone to do an inventory, even if it's informal.
  - c. Con Com requires that anyone who takes down a dead tree must replace it by planting a new one.
  - d. Con Com encourages people who they visit to make an inventory of trees greater than 4 inches in diam.
  - e. Erik: maybe start by tagging Google Earth/Google Maps images. DCR might have a map started already.
  - f. Dinotefuran injection treatment might be less expensive than taking down a large tree and planting a new one.
  - g. We need to encourage people to plant evergreens in place of the hemlocks, in order to keep that habitat.
  - h. Stockbridge Bowl Assoc. or another landowner around the Bowl may already work with a forester.
  - i. Reach as much of the public as possible. Not just Bowl landowners.
  - j. Develop a priority list. Waterways are important – the Housatonic, not just the Bowl. Housatonic River Association should be brought into the mix.
  - k. We need to plan for climate change as part of the advice.
  - l. AFC and Con Com can coordinate on gathering expert info from which to distill advice about what to look for, what to do, which species to plant, when, who to contact, etc. Make a brochure that can be distributed digitally and physically. This information already exists in different places, and possibly even already in one place.
  - m. Tom Ryan at DCR is a good person to meet with about this. Let's find a time when AFC, Con Com, the Tree Warden, HVA, and SBA can meet with him. Also meet with David Orwig at Harvard Forest.
  - n. There are 11 Scenic Roads in town, and there are requirements related to trees along them.
3. **Update:** Arbor Day
  - a. Matt is on the advisory board for the horticultural program at Monument Mtn HS. He and the teacher who runs the program talked about having students grow seedlings for Arbor Day. Wards is also involved. Maybe have them also propagate trees to plant around the Bowl.
4. **Update:** Farmers Market

- a. Michael Canales is looking at job descriptions for a manager, and he will draft one for us. He'll send it to the AFC to review. The SB has approved \$10K expense over 2023. The manager would report to Michael, and AFC would advise them.
  - b. Erik: Start by planning a 5-week season in 2023 (3<sup>rd</sup> week of July through August). Farmers will be hesitant to commit to a full season.
5. **Discussion:** Neighborhood Outreach Grants
  - a. This is a DCR program. It would be good to apply to fund the brochure we discussed earlier.
6. **Discussion:** AFC Philosophy
  - a. Lisa wrote a 1<sup>st</sup> draft.
  - b. The Commission will take time to look it over and provide feedback.
  - c. Matt pointed out that we should make the statement flexible enough to be adaptable in the future.
7. **Adjournment:** Confirm next meeting date and time
  - a. Next meeting is Monday, December 5, at 6:30.
  - b. At 7:59 pm Matt made a motion to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

**To Do:**

- Matt: Find out when David Orwig is available
- Sally: Find out when Tom Ryan is available.
- Sally: Contact HVA.
- Lisa: Send the AFC group email address to the Con Com.
- Lisa: Look for information that we can use in the brochure.
- Abby: Contact the Monument Mtn. HS horticultural program about growing saplings for Arbor Day. Invite him to come to the next AFC meeting (or another one if that is not possible)