

Stockbridge Agricultural and Forestry Commission Meeting

December 5, 2022 Minutes

Present

Agricultural and Forestry Commission	Guests
Mathieu Boudreau, chair Erik Rasmussen, co-chair (via Zoom) Lisa Bozzuto Abigail Fredsall (via Zoom) Shelby Marshall	Patrick White (via Zoom)

1. Matt called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
 - a. Matt made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of November 7. Motion approved unanimously.
2. **Update:** Arbor Day
 - a. Abby: Bill Florek (Monument Mtn HS) can't come today. He is trialing some cuttings. He's going to try to come to the next meeting.
3. **Update:** Farmers Market
 - a. The Commission discussed the draft Market Manager Position job description. Members made various suggestions for additions and edits. Matt will discuss it with Mike Canales and then will send an updated draft for review.
4. **Discussion:** Site Visits to Town Forests
 - a. Shelby talked to Jeff Jourdain, Forester. Jeff has prepared a Forest Stewardship Plan for the Averic Lake watershed and a Forest Stewardship Plan for the Stockbridge Mountain property.
 - b. Jeff is concerned about invasive insects and long-term climate resilience. He has recently focused on removing ash trees, because of the damage caused by the Emerald Ash Borer, on removing aspen, because they are quick-growing and do not contribute well to long-term forest diversity, on replanting with a variety of species, and on protecting new trees from deer with plastic tubes.
 - c. Mike Buffoni recommends waiting until after deer hunting season to take the walk. We should also wait until bear hunting season is over.
5. **Discussion:** January Hybrid Meeting (inviting the Conservation Commission)
 - a. Lisa has talked to the Con Com, SBA, and Jess Toro. They and students from the Conway School are interested in meeting with the AFC to discuss invasive pests around Stockbridge Bowl.
6. **Discussion:** AFC Philosophy
 - a. The Commission discussed Lisa's draft and made some suggestions, including adding a statement about agriculture. Matt and Lisa will work on a second draft and share it with the full Commission.
7. **Adjournment:** Confirm next meeting date and time
 - a. Next meeting is Monday, January 9, at 6:30.
 - b. At 7:29 pm Matt made a motion to adjourn. Passed unanimously.