

Stockbridge Agricultural and Forestry Commission Meeting

May 1, 2023 Minutes

Present

Agricultural and Forestry Commission	Guests
Mathieu Boudreau, chair Erik Rasmussen, co-chair (via Zoom) Lisa Bozzuto Abigail Fredsall (via Zoom)	Susan Waite, Municipal Assistance Coordinator

1. Matt called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
 - a. Matt made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of April 4. Motion approved unanimously.
2. **Updates:** Farmers Market Hiring
 - a. Stuart Kelso applied. Matt, Erik, and Michael Canales interviewed him. They want to hire him. Will ask him for a business plan for the first season. Start lining up farmers. A lot of farmers have already decided where they'll sell this season, so there may not be many farmers available this season. Look toward next season.
 - b. Matt made a motion: hire Stuart Kelso as farmer's market manager. Passed unanimously.
3. **Updates:** Site visit Stockbridge Mt/Stewardship Plan Application
 - a. Watershed walk will be on May 12. Stockbridge Mt walk tentatively scheduled for May 26.
 - b. Forest Stewardship Plan: The application is ready to submit. Matt made a motion to ask Michael Canales to submit it. Passed unanimously.
4. **Discussion:** Town Composting/Recycling Dividends Program
 - a. Guest: Susan Waite, Municipal Assistance Coordinator
 - b. Abby and Susan reported on their recent conversation. Grant application due on June 14. In February there was a deadline for submitting some paperwork. We can still turn in the paperwork, and we'll get a penalty of 1 point.
 - c. Abby has talked to Mark at the Transfer Station and to Laura Dubester (Green Team). Susan said that we should work with the Transfer Station for composting. Susan also recommended that we assign a "Compost Coach" to educate people. Also use signage.
 - d. To Do: Update the town's Buy-Recycle Policy. There are guidelines and requirements. We need it to get qualified for a grant. We also need to collect data about town recycling, to submit an annual report (due Feb. 15) about municipal solid waste tonnage, recycled tonnage, etc. We will need data for 2022 and 2021 to apply the first year (by June 14). The data might be ready in time.
 - e. Susan shared more details about how municipal and home composting systems can work.
5. **Discussion:** Printouts for Town Meeting/Online
 - a. Shelby formatted two options: one with terrestrial and aquatic separately, and one combined. Matt suggested we distribute the two separately. Lisa suggested adding Conservation Commission to the disclaimer. Shelby will do that.
6. **Discussion:** AFC Mission Statement

- a. Tabled until next meeting.
- 7. **Adjournment:** Confirm next meeting date and time
 - a. Next meeting is Monday, June 5, at 6:30.
 - b. At 7:48 pm Matt made a motion to adjourn. Passed unanimously.