

# Stockbridge Agricultural and Forestry Commission Meeting

## August 28, 2023 Minutes

### Present

Agricultural and Forestry Commission	Guests
Mathieu Boudreau, chair Erik Rasmussen, co-chair (via Zoom) Lisa Bozzuto Shelby Marshall Abigail Fredsall	Conservation Commission: Ron Brouker Farmer's Market: Stuart Kelso

1. Matt called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
  - a. Matt made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of June 5. Motion approved unanimously.
2. **Update:** Town Property Site Visits
  - a. Stockbridge Mountain walk: Shelby has scheduled it for Friday, October 20. Jim Jourdain will attend. Colin Mettey will not attend.
  - b. Shelby, Lisa, and Abby will attend
  - c. Lisa said that in light of wildfire risk, we should look into removing low-growth invasives.
  - d. Matt will post a meeting notice.
3. **Discussion:** Farmers Market 2024
  - a. Stuart has been working with Stockbridge Housing Authority and Berkshire Bounty to bring food to seniors at Heaton Court. This has been running weekly since July 13. It's free, and good quality. Stuart asks people if the food is what they want, and they are saying yes.
  - b. Stuart has been talking informally with farmers and vendors about 2024. They will be ready to talk seriously in the Fall. He'll start in mid-September. He'll tell them that there will be no vendor fees for 2024. It will run for 4–6 weeks, starting either mid-July or the beginning of August. Stuart will ask vendors which length they prefer.
  - c. The mobile market might be able to come to Heaton Court or the Town Offices. It currently serves only a few places in the county.
4. **Discussion:** AFC Mission Statement
  - a. The group discussed and polished the latest draft from Erik.
5. **Looking forward:** Composting and Ice Glen
  - a. We'll work on grant proposals for composting. Matt and Abby will meet with the right person in the Town, and with the Green Team. We want to have a drop-off spot at the Transfer Station. We also want to do education about it.
  - b. We need to make sure bins that people use are not bear attractants.
  - c. Ice Glen: treatment has to be put out to bid again. Also, ask Ken to treat the trees that are more likely to live, not the ones that are in serious condition and unlikely to recover.
6. **Adjournment:** Confirm next meeting date and time
  - a. Next meeting is Monday, October 2.
  - b. At 7:28 pm Matt made a motion to adjourn. Passed unanimously.