

Stockbridge Agricultural and Forestry Commission Meeting

February 5, 2024 Minutes

Present

| Agricultural and Forestry Commission | Guests |
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| Mathieu Boudreau, chair Erik Rasmussen, co-chair (via Zoom) Lisa Bozzuto Abigail Fredsall (via Zoom) | Patrick White 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 January 8. Shelby noted a typo. Motion approved unanimously with the typo corrected.
2. **Discussion:** Farmers Market
 - a. Stuart: We have enough vendors to go forward. Once we announce that we're committed, a couple more vendors may join.
 - b. Stuart will contact the farmers and invite them to meet with the AFC and plan it.
 - c. Stuart will continue the SNAP application process. Once that's approved, we'll get approved for Market Match.
 - d. Motion made and unanimously approved to run the farmers market on Wednesdays, from 3:00 – 6:00 pm from July 24 to August 28, at Town Offices. Matt will send this to the Select Board.
 - e. Motion made and unanimously approved to submit the SNAP application.
 - f. Matt will talk to Michael Canales about funding Stuart's position and marketing, etc., for the coming budget year.
3. **Discussion:** CPA Funding Applications
 - a. Motion made and unanimously approved to authorize Patrick White to submit the CPC proposal for tree planting, after adding information about climate change and planting trees on land that has public access.
4. **Discussion:** Composting
 - a. Lisa and Abby met with Sheffield's composting team. They have a simple system that would be easy to implement. Compost is picked up every day they are open (4 days/week), by Berkshire Composting, and delivered to Stanton Farm. Cost is included in the transfer fee.
 - b. Abby talked to Mark Buffoni at the Transfer Station. He suggested preparing handouts to give to people who go to the Transfer Station. He also thinks we should have pickups only 3 days/week, on busiest days. He has ideas about how to make the bins bear-proof between pickups.
5. **Discussion:** Arbor Day
 - a. Lisa has ordered 25 each of hazelnut, black walnut, and witch hazel. She also talked to the Monument Mountain greenhouse manager, who will help with pots.
 - b. We'll plan to distribute seedlings on Arbor Day, Friday, April 26, from noon to 3:00pm.
6. **New Agenda item** for next meeting: Inform realtors that Stockbridge is a Right to Farm town.
7. **Adjournment:** Confirm next meeting date and time
 - a. Next meeting is Monday, March 4.
 - b. At 7:39 pm Matt made a motion to adjourn. Passed unanimously.