

Stockbridge Agricultural and Forestry Commission Meeting August 9, 2021 Minutes

Present

Agricultural and Forestry Commission	Guests
Mathieu Boudreau Erik Rasmussen Lisa Bozzuto Shelby Marshall (Alternate)	Michael Canales Mike Buffoni (Stockbridge Town Water Superintendent)

- Matt called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
- Matt made a motion to approve July 12th Minutes
 - Approved unanimously
- **Forest Stewardship** Discussion
 - Rt. 102: Mike Buffoni, Town Water Superintendent
 - The Town owns almost 300 acres around the reservoir
 - His department has been cutting 30% sections for many years, replanting with different species.
 - Forester: Jeff Jourdain
 - Jeff puts each cutting plan together. It gets approved by the state forester. Plan then goes out to bid.
 - Town has gotten almost \$200,000 from the watershed.
 - They got a grant to do a Forest Management Plan.
 - Planning to start logging the large property off of Rt. 102 that abuts the W. Stockbridge line
 - AFC wants to do site walks of these properties. Open Meeting Law allows that as long as we don't discuss it until we get back to where our meeting is accessible.
- **Suppression Grant** Discussion
 - Lisa Bozzuto
 - Suppression Grants are for ongoing treatment of the invasives in Ice Glen. To treat additional trees and to continue treating the trees that we are planning to treat this Fall.
 - This is a state grant program. It's a matching grant.
 - The proposals are due this Fall, so we'll continue discussing in the next couple of meetings.
 - The RFP for initial Ice Glen treatment is out. It asks bidders to give a price to treat the trees in poor condition, and a separate price to treat the trees in fair condition. Proposals are due Aug. 25.
- **Community Garden** Discussion
 - Lisa Bozzuto

- This came up in the Municipal Vulnerability Plan meetings
- Shelby said that the Laurel Hill Association has discussed it. LHA has a couple of properties that might be good for it. He suggested that we talk to LHA about possibly coordinating.
- Matt said that we should reach out to the people who might want it, and make sure that they have access and would take care of it.
 - Pine Woods may have a garden of some sort. We should talk to them.
 - A representative from Heaton Court participated in the MVP meetings. We should find that person.
 - A community garden has management and other issues and costs. These need to be researched and planned.
 - Talk to Will Conklin, Exec. Dir. of Greenagers. He has worked on establishing community gardens.
- Farmer's Market is another topic to discuss
- Talk to Laurel Hill Association about both of these topics. Invite them to one of our meetings.
- **Tree City:** we want to talk to the Tree Warden. He has been invited. May come next month.
- **Adjournment** - Confirm next meeting date and time
 - Next meeting is Monday, September 13, at 6:30. It will be hybrid Zoom plus in-person.
 - At 7:08 pm Matt made a motion to adjourn. Passed unanimously.