

# Stockbridge Agricultural and Forestry Commission Meeting

## April 4, 2022 Minutes

**Present**

Agricultural and Forestry Commission	Guests
Mathieu Boudreau, chair Erik Rasmussen Lisa Bozzuto Shelby Marshall (Alternate) Abigail Fredsall (Alternate)	Michael Canales Pat Flinn, Laurel Hill Association

1. Matt called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.
  - a. Matt made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of March. 7. Motion approved unanimously.
2. **Updates:** Old Growth Forest Network Designation
  - a. It will be May 6, around 11:00 (time to be determined). Rain date: June 18.
  - b. Parking: on the soccer field, park head-in.
  - c. Bob Leverett will attend, and will lead a walk with Jared Lockwood.
  - d. OGFN will present a plaque to a Town official. Matt will ask Chuck Cardillo to accept it, as the Select Board representative to the AFC.
  - e. We'll send out a press release. Sarah from OGFN drafted it.
    - i. Shelby will add a paragraph about the Ice Glen's history of use.
3. **Updates:** Arbor Day Participation
  - a. Flyer: we'll get color copies printed in the Town Offices.
  - b. Plants are here.
  - c. Distribution day is April 23, 9:00 – 1:00. We'll set up the table around 8:30.
  - d. Abby has drafted a flyer with instructions for planting and maintenance of a seedling. She'll print 100 of them.
  - e. We have 50 of each species: Sugar maple, river birch, flowering dogwood
4. **Updates:** Ice Glen RFP
  - a. It was sent to seven companies.
  - b. Proposals are due Wednesday.
  - c. They'll be reviewed Thursday, and Michael will compile a tabulation sheet comparing them. He'll send it to the AFC.
5. **Discussion:** Laurel Hill Association and Ice Glen
  - a. Guest: Pat Flinn
  - b. LHA has maintained the trail for many years. Replaced the wooden bridges with stone steps, paid to have downed trees removed, put up signs.
  - c. The blazes need to be refreshed.
  - d. Matt asked Pat to give us a report of how much money has been spent over the years to maintain Ice Glen.
  - e. The Tree Warden and the Highway Dept. have expertise and budget to take care of trees that come down on the trail.
  - f. Matt: let's use this coming year as a transition to having the Town take responsibility for doing maintenance. We need to talk to Mark Faber (Tree Warden) about it. LHA will continue to collect information about what needs to be done, and if something needs to be taken care of, they will contact Michael.
6. **Adjournment** — Confirm next meeting date and time
  - a. Next meeting is Monday, May 2, at 6:30.
  - b. At 7:22 pm Matt made a motion to adjourn. Passed unanimously.