

Town of Dudley, MA



**Agricultural
Advisory
Commission**



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Dudley Agricultural Advisory Commission
Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 1, 2022 @ 7:00pm
Room: 315

In attendance: Linda Lorkiewicz, Lanette Lepper, Katie Rozenas-Hanson

Meeting began at 7:06 pm with a call to order by Chairwoman Linda Lorkiewicz. Group stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reviewed minutes from the September 2022 meeting, Lanette made a motion to approve the minutes and Katie seconded the motion. All in favor.

Old Business:

Dudley Ag Day/Apple Festival—Event was effective and had a good turnout, despite the rain. We want to look into getting our own soil test kits, as there were people who brought their soil to be tested, but the Master Gardeners bowed out due to the rain. The kids did have fun decorating pumpkins, and we decorated around 30 of them. We were far away from the Grange because we were supposed to have more vendors but for the Strawberry festival, we want to see if we can get our own table again on the Grange lawn, as opposed to the Common. We could bring back the temporary tattoos and a different kid's activity for the Spring.

New Business:

2nd Annual Dudley Plant Hop—planning to take place at our March meeting. We will look to confirm participation and set up a Commission table/ Soil testing at Lanette's house.

Canning/Cooking classes—Lanette is now ServSafe certified so we can host classes in the Senior Center. We are thinking of doing a few canning classes, with a max of 10 participants, in January and February 2023. We will start promoting in mid-December. We can cover the cost for the first few classes and then see if we can do an online registration and small fee to hold people's spots and cover expenses. We can also do other classes and have participants fill out a survey to see what they might be interested in including dehydrating, canning, cooking classes, tomato tasting, etc. We can do some preliminary research to see what other town ag commissions are doing.

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Miscellaneous:

Road Sign Updates- Linda has moved forward in ordering our Right to Farm Dudley signs. She has priced out 5 aluminum signs including, Quinebaug, Main Street (Webster), Schofield Ave (CT), Dresser Hill (Charlton), Oxford Ave/Dudley Oxford (Oxford). The 9" x 12" were too small, so we are looking at the 12" x 18".

We were planning on adjourning until next March. (Unless a topic comes up where we need to meet before March 2023).

Katie made a motion to adjourn our meeting at 7:42pm and Lanette seconded the motion. All in favor and motion passes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Rozenas-Hanson
Secretary

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