

AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

Town of Dudley, MA

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Dudley Agricultural Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2022
Dudley Municipal Complex-Room 315 | 7:00pm

In attendance:

Victor Kalgren
Linda Lorkiewicz
Lanette Lepper
Katie Rozenas-Hanson

Meeting began at 7:00pm with a call to order by Chairwoman Linda Lorkiewicz. Group stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reviewed minutes from February 2022 meeting, Victor made a motion to approve the minutes and Lanette seconded the motion. All members in favor and motion passes.

Old Business: Lanette has confirmed that the Dudley Grows event is on and the Dudley Land Trust will be having a plant sale and are hoping to hold it at the Dudley Grange. Local for Life will be setting up a booth at Koebke's Farm, but we haven't heard from Farmer Tim's, Morse Farm and CBD Garden. Lanette is going to contact everyone and ask for a blurb as to what they are planning for the day and then she will make up a map to distribute. Since there is zero budget, Armstrong Acres can make an event page on Facebook to be shared by the Ag Commission's page. We are also drafting two press releases—one to announce we are back in session and one for the Dudley Grows event announcement. We can also include on the website as well as print flyers to distribute to local businesses. We are looking to purchase a banner for events and meetings. Looking to get a quote from Choice1 Graphics.

Katie and Linda sat with John Brier to learn how to update the website. Linda presented a letter to Town Administrator and the Selectman asking for a \$1500 budget which will be presented at the next town meeting.

New Business: We are thinking about participating in the 2022 Strawberry Festival. We would like to set up an informational booth and potentially give out seeds for pollinator gardens and flyers from either MDAR or UMASS Extension. Farmers Tim might also be interested in setting up near us for a mini farmers-market. Katie suggested that we might be able to get an observational hive from Worcester County Beekeeping, to be displayed. We could also have Local for Life pamphlets and maybe a giveaway.

Dates for the Upcoming Meetings: the first Tuesday of every month, with the exception of July and September. We will meet on July 12th and September 13th instead.

Linda made a motion to adjourn our meeting at 7:23pm and Katie seconded the motion. All in favor and motion passes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Rozenas-Hanson
Secretary