

AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

Town of Dudley, MA

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Dudley Agricultural Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2022
Dudley Municipal Complex | 7:00pm

In attendance:

Linda Lorkiewicz – Chairwoman

Krisanne Koebke – Vice Chairwoman

Victor Kallgren – Past Chairman

Katie Rozenas-Hanson - Secretary

Lanette Lepper – Commission Member

Meeting began at 7:13 pm with a call to order by Chairwoman Linda Lorkiewicz. Group stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Reviewed minutes from March 2022 meeting, Victor made a motion to approve the minutes and Lanette seconded the motion. All members in favor and motion passes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dudley Grows Together -- Lanette has made a promotional handout and given all board members copies to distribute, as appropriate. As of now, we have Walnut Lane Farm/Local4Life, Armstrong Acres, Farmer Tim's Vegetables, Dudley Grange/Dudley Conservation Land Trust/Black Tavern, Leo Family Homestead confirmed as participants.

Strawberry Festival -- Victor and Katie can set up the table on the day of the festival. We will have handouts and some things to giveaways.

Local4Life -- They are interested in pulling together a scavenger hunt during the Dudley Grows Together event.

NEW BUSINESS:

Linda found a link to brochures that are provided by UMASS Extension. Linda will send to board to pick out 5-10 options for the Strawberry Festival. We might also get seeds to give out.

Linda attended the Selectman's meeting last night to ask for a \$1,500 budget for our Commission. The Selectman voted and approved to put it on the docket for the next town meeting as follows: *"Article 13: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$1,500.00) for the purchase of signs, banners, and associated materials to be used for public events, or take any other action relative thereto."*

Apple Festival: We are hoping to also have a table/farmers market booth at the Grange's Apple Festival in October. We will have handouts, paint your own pumpkins, and we will reach out to local farmers to set up a booth, if they have products available. We will also ask Local4Life, the Last Green Valley, and Dudley Conservation.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Our current websites are the shared Grange/Ag Commission website, Last Green Valley, the Town of Dudley Ag Comm link and the Dudley Ag Facebook page. We want to get students involved with what we are doing as a Commission—we will reach out to the Envirothon team from Shepherd Hill Regional High School and Bay Path R.V.T.H.S. to see if any of their students might be interested in getting involved.

Our next meeting will be on May 3, 2022 at 7:00pm.

Linda made a motion to adjourn our meeting at 8:32pm and Katie seconded the motion. All in favor and motion passes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Rozenas-Hanson -- Secretary