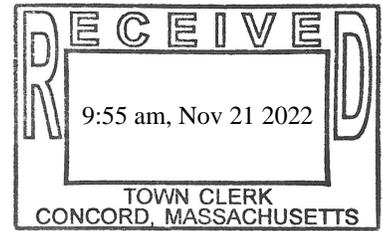


Minutes for Agriculture Committee meeting Thursday, September 15, 2022 Via Zoom:

Joe Rogers, associate member
Steve Verrill, member, Verrill Farm
Liza Bemis, co – chair, Hutchins Farm
Dan Schmid, clerk, The Walden Woods Project Farm
Grace Scimone, associate member, Scimone Farm
Melissa Maxwell, co-chair. Barrett’s Mill Farm
Happy, member, Scimone Farm
Emily Wheeler, visitor
Lois Suarez, visitor



Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

1. **News about Concord Farms and Farmers:** Liza asked if anyone has put pumpkins out. Steve said they had put a few put out.
2. **Ag day 2022 Review:** The select board thought it was a big success. The Library concert was a big success and they plan to do it again. Most of the participants where happy with the turnout and people’s involvement. The veggie races where a big success. Vanderhoof supplied the wheels, axels, stoppers and decorations. The volunteers made over 200 cars. The Minute Man tech students were very helpful and hopeful we can get more of them next year. Steve said that it’s a Farmer’s market to showcase Concord Farms and that too much of the real-estate in the middle of the market was given up to nonfarm concerns. He felt things like the music could be further down on one end. Liza said that next year we could assign spaces with this issue in mind. She agreed that it would be a good idea to put the music down on the far end. Dan suggested we put Steve in the middle. The consensus was that it was a good turnout. It was floated that we do it on the Sept 9th next year. Dan proposed it as a tentative date and Steve seconded it. It was unanimously approved. Liza said she would check the town calendar to see if anything was on that date and check in with Chris. Grace said that she would ask Lenard if he wants to come.
3. **Quick Concord Farms Video Part 2 update:** Salt Box is now online. Tory has to edit the captions. It currently says September even though it was filmed in April. She wants to come back to interview The Walden Woods Project Farm manager. Dan said that he would set that up. She wanted to get ahold of Ricky Marshall Farm. Liza is going to try to contact them. Liza asked if there where any ideas for the fall? Silferleaf Farm could be a possibility.
4. **Revisiting: New chairs and new clerk:** Dan asked if anyone would like to be Clerk. Joe offered to do the job. Dan nominated Joe to be the Clerk, Liza seconded it and it was unanimously approved by all members. Emily suggested that we rotate chairs. She said that the town encourages new chairs. Liza and Melissa said that they do not mind doing it for one more year. Dan proposed that we continue with Melissa and Liza for another year and Steve seconded it. It was approved by all unanimously.
5. **Review Minutes:** Liza moved to approve the June minutes and Melissa second it. They were approved.
6. **Other Business:** Dan asked about the pumpkin smash. Liza said that it sounded like they were going to do it at Codman. Liza said she would check in with Mothers Out Front -they might like

help with promotion

7. **Public Comment:** Lois Suarez said hi. She thought Ag day was great.
8. **Next meeting:** set for October 13th at 7pm on Zoom.

Liza motioned to adjourn meeting, Grace seconded. Meeting Adjourned at 8:01pm