

TOWN OF GRANBY
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
MINUTES
February 8, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Heather Lombardo, Shirley Murtha, John O'Brien, Liam O'Leary, Sara Esthus

Heather Lombardo called to order at 7:04 p.m.

ON A MOTION by Shirley Murtha, seconded by John O'Brien, the minutes of the September 14 meeting were approved.

Heather noted that Erin Pirro has decided to step down from the Agricultural Commission. She will ask her to submit a letter of resignation. The Democratic Town Committee will be looking for a new member. If anyone has recommendations, please have that person talk to someone on the DTC.

AGRICULTURE DAY AT THE CAPITOL

The date is Wednesday, March 22, 2023, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. at the state capitol building. The fee for registration is \$75 to be paid by March 3. Sara Esthus is available to attend and other members will check their schedules.

ON A MOTION by Shirley Murtha, seconded by Sara Esthus, the commission unanimously approved the expense of \$75 to have a table at Agriculture Day at the Capitol on March 22, 2023.

OPEN FARM DAY

ON A MOTION by John O'Brien, seconded by Shirley Murtha, the commission voted to hold the next Open Farm Day on September 16, 2023. All approved.

Sara Esthus will create the first save-the-date postcard and get a batch ready for Agriculture Day at the Capitol.

The commission discussed the idea of reinstating prizes and passports but is leaning towards not adding that burden of work onto the farmers.

Shirley Murtha mentioned possible advertising venues in the Thursday events section in the Hartford Courant , WJMJ radio, and Granby Living magazine. The commission will also look into the idea of putting a color insert in the Granby Drummer.

Heather Lombardo reviewed last year's sponsor list. She is hoping that most of them will commit to Open Farm Day 2023. She will also reach out to the new Tractor Supply Company on the Granby/Simsbury town line.

The Commission discussed the idea of finding someone to handle social media and some other Open Farm Day tasks (as Rachel Primmer did in years past).

ON A MOTION by Sara Esthus, seconded by John O'Brien, the Commission voted to pay a small stipend to an individual who can help with Open Farm Day duties. All approved.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren Stuck
Recording Secretary