

TOWN OF GRANBY
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
NOTES
April 12, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Heather Lombardo, Shirley Murtha, Sara Esthus

Absent: Ellen Whitlow, John O'Brien, Liam O'Leary

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

There being no quorum, the approval of minutes from the February meeting was postponed.

AGRICULTURE DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Heather Lombardo and Sara Esthus attended Agriculture Day at the Capitol on March 22. They reported that the location, changed from the Armory building to the State House, was a great improvement and brought much more exposure to the booth. In addition to highlighting many Granby farms and the Open Farm Day event, they were able to share information acquired from one of our local farms about how pending cannabis legislation could create a negative impact on state hemp farmers.

OPEN FARM DAY

Heather Lombardo introduced Teagan Lapuk, a Granby resident who will work with the Agriculture Commission on Open Farm planning, in particular the social media strategy and implementation. Teagan will receive a \$500 stipend from the Open Farm Day fund.

The Commission discussed changing the Open Farm Day tri-fold map to a flat 8 1/2 x 11 double sided insert to The Drummer. Heather will contact Rita at Drummer to discuss the coordination and costs of an insert. She will also talk to the new editor about the Drummer's sponsorship of Open Farm Day and whether the in-kind advertising will still be in effect for 2023.

Shirley Murtha asked the Commission for ideas on a feature farm for a Drummer article and received recommendations for Hayes Farm.

Teagan Lapuk will post the first Save-the-Date social media post by May 1.

Open Farm Day Sponsors are not confirmed at this date.

OTHER BUSINESS

Heather Lombardo has several versions of Right to Farms ordinances. The Commission will review these at a future date and create a draft for the Board of Selectman to consider.

Sara Esthus will work on website updates.

A replacement for Erin Pirro's slot on the Commission will hopefully be approved by the next meeting.

The Agricultural Commission is signed up for the library display Aug 1-31.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 8:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren Stuck
Recording Secretary