

Shelburne Agricultural Commission

January 25, 2024

Meeting Minutes

Present: Carolyn Wheeler, Becky Ashenden, Courtney Basil, Sara Davis, Ernie Kelley.

Absent: Prudy Wholey, Jonathan Graves

1. Committee Chair, Carolyn Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.
2. Ernie Kelley moved to approve the December 14, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. Becky Ashenden seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
3. The treasury has \$1,593.86 in a non-interest-bearing account.
4. Shelburne Animal Inspector, Jim Bragdon was invited to tonight's meeting. Sara to contact regarding sharing of information. The committee hopes that we can help share information about available grants and other opportunities with local farmers.
5. Farm & Garden tour planning. Ag Com to visit farms:
 - a. Sara Davis: March 13 @4PM
 - b. Courtney Basil: May 10 @2PM
 - c. Carolyn Wheeler: May 15 @4PM
 - d. Becky Ashenden: June 18 @4PM
 - e. Ernie Kelley: June 27 @5PM
 - f. Jonathan Graves & Prudy Wholey: TBD
6. Mass Maple Meeting at Mohawk was held the second weekend in January.
7. Discussion of planning a Shelburne Grown fundraiser dinner. Tentative date: Nov 16, 2024. Carolyn to check availability of Fellowship Hall. Discussed details, including bread making, hiring someone to be responsible for dinner organization, potential volunteers, updating old Shelburne farm pictures for dinner presentation, compiling old and new farm stories and pictures, funds raised could be used to support Farm Visits with refreshments.
8. Discussion of Farm Visit program to bring the community closer to local farms. Discussed potential farm candidates and ways to reach the community. The hope is to get people together to see what connections can be made.
9. Discussion of planning get together with other Frankling County Agricultural Commissions to network and look for ideas for creating a mentorship program.
10. Carolyn to circulate Committee report for publication in town email newsletter.
11. Sara to contact Terry to post approved meeting minutes to the town website
12. Next meeting: April 3, 2024 at 7PM at the Shelburne Fire Station.

13. There being no further business, Becky moved to adjourn the meeting. Courtney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Davis, Secretary