

Harvard Agricultural Advisory Commission (HAAC)

Town of Harvard, MA

Minutes of Meeting 5 September 2019

Approved September 25, 2019

Present: Kerri Green (chair), Rob Duzan, Christiane Turnheim

Absent: Laura McGovern, Nicole Schmidt, Frank Carlson, Matthew Varrell and Robert Traver

Green called meeting to order at 7:10pm.

Green stated the purpose of this extra meeting was to address a couple agenda items not addressed on August 28th due to the zoning articles discussion.

Green reported that the All Boards Meeting was coming up on September 18th at 7pm in the upper Town Hall. This meeting is for the Select Board to review their FY21 goals and objectives, address the upcoming budget calendar and submission requirements, and for each town board to share their priorities and goals for the upcoming budget season. It is required all boards to be represented. Green stated she would be attending and referencing the priorities and goals stated in the minutes of June 26, 2019. Green welcomed other members to attend the meeting as well.

Green announced Special Town Meeting was going to be Monday, October 28, 2019 at 7pm.

Commission members then put their attention to preparation of items for the Agricultural Business Gathering on November 20th. It was determined that the survey/questionnaire should be drafted before an invitation letter. Focus was directed on developing the questionnaire, with a target audience being residents who have their land listed in chapter, but also capture residents who are engaged in agriculture who may not meet the state requirements for the chapter lands.

Commission members also discussed options for how to distribute/collect responses - Survey Monkey and paper versions with return mailing envelopes for those that are not tech savvy.

Duzan motioned to adjourn. Turnheim seconded. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned 8:58pm.

Submitted: Kerri Green