

Harvard Agricultural Advisory Commission (HAAC)

Town of Harvard, MA

Minutes of Meeting 26 February 2020
Approved June 17, 2020

Call to order 7:12pm

In attendance: Chair - Kerri Green, Christiane Turnheim, Nicki Schmidt, Rob Duzan, Rob Traver, Laura McGovern

Agricultural Gathering Planning Discussion

- Discussion on location/date/food/flyer and promotion
 - Date for movie 'gathering' is aimed for mid-late March and will confirm a date with Fivesparks later in the week.
 - Show documentary *"The Biggest Littlest Farm"*

Discussion on other potential gathering ideas

- Honey processing, Maple Syrup Processing
- Nicki - suggestion box at movie gathering
- Rob Traver - also refer back to suggestions from November gathering

Minutes January 29, 2020 motion and approved - by all

Chair Updates:

- Fiscal budget \$1,000.00 fy 21
- Chris Ryan sent an email saying the DLTA grant application for a fiscal impact analysis was approved. Ag. Comm. could use information from this analysis to help determine appropriate additional tax relief options for commercial ag. operations in addition to 61A

Member Updates:

- Rob Traver
 - Posed question about possibly having his WPI students do a Harvard Ag. centered project on a project since the students have to now stay stateside. Asked if Ag board/members would be willing to work with the students. Members responded favorably.
 - Mentioned attending MA Ag. Boards annual meeting and found their discussion of Senate Bill #2446 where Town Land can be overseen by Agricultural Commissions as something the HAAC might want to consider.
- Rob Duzan - Open Space Committee
 - Nothing of importance to report. Discussion of what times people can meet which

has been slated for 7am on a Friday. Rob Duzan said that meeting time is difficult for him and his work schedule. Nicki and Rob Traver say they will try and cover meetings if Rob Duzan isn't able.

- Christiane Turnheim - Community Resilience Working Group (CRWG)
 - Meetings for Intro/vision/plan/consultant
 - Need plan and consultant by July Discussion of all members on possible projects

Motion to adjourn, all in favor.

Meeting Adjourned 8:33pm

Minutes Submitted: Laura McGovern