

# **Harvard Agricultural Advisory Commission (HAAC)**

## **Town of Harvard, MA**

### **Minutes of Meeting November 6, 2018**

**Approved:** December 19, 2018

Present: Kerri Green (chair), Rob Traver, Laura McGovern

Green called meeting to order at 7:10. Minutes of October 17, 2018 meeting were read and approved.

Green reported that there is a new timeline for the survey of MVP grant. First workshop will be 14 January 2019. Initial survey results will be discussed. Second workshop, TBD, will work directly with major stakeholders, especially the four largest farm groups. The focus will be climate related orchard fruit.

Ag Commissions agrees that it must promote the survey, readership and participation, within the town. The survey will appear on the town website and with Survey Monkey. To “ensure” the participation of those with Chapter 61 lands and/or stables, the Ag Commission agreed that a letter be sent to relevant land owners. Another letter might also warranted to others in the town as well.

The Ag Commission reviewed the revision to survey. The revisions followed feedback from the Ag Commission, via Kerri Green, and others. The Ag Commission thought that the revised survey was improved but not yet as substantive or clear as it could be. The Ag Commission provided another round of suggestions, including edited versions of the instrument for the use of the consulting firm. Green will convey materials.

The Ag Commission invited Chris Ryan, again, to meet with the Commission at its 19 December meeting. Green will issue invitation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.

Submitted: Rob Traver