



**TOWN OF WINSLOW AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING
Minutes of January 6, 2022
10:00 a.m.**

Via ZOOM

Present: Chair Kate Newkirk; Secretary Judy Mathiau and Members; Sally Harwood, Rocky Gravel, Steve Russell, Elery Keene, Jasmine Gregory and Parks and Rec Director Amanda McCaslin

Absent:

The Meeting opened at 10:05 a.m.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of November 4, 2021 – Rocky moved to accept the minutes as written, second by Sally, all-in favor.

Old Business:

1. Town Forest

a) Amanda reported that Bill Lee has reviewed the forest harvest contract and made one adjustment to the liability at \$400,000.

b) Amanda and Rocky created a list of objectives to be concluded over the next 6 months:

- Purchase and place 2 trail cams
- Install a gate to replace the current chain
- Locate the pin for the house that is falling down to determine ownership and remove if it is on town property
- Move the truck entrance sign to the location of the lumber yard
- After the harvest, post the sign in the parking lot
- Design signage for parking lot and include Rules and Regulations
- Name Trails with one honoring Peter Bolduc

Many of the above items will include the assistance of Public Works.

c) Mike mentioned where the logging yard would be located is an important factor to consider when determining the location of a future parking lot. Rocky also mentioned

the gravel pit across the road and how that could be kept gravel for additional parking. Mike continued to mention that signage is good, but we need to be careful of vandalism when placed in a remote area. Perhaps a kiosk with fliers identifying the trails and other notifications. He also suggested that the AG Commission seek a resolution to allow trail name assignments. Amanda said she would talk with Erica about an ordinance or other option.

d) Rocky suggested that we consider renting a stump grinder if we get the grant money. This could be used to build the trail system.

e) Trail Cams – Rocky suggested a certain brand (TACTACAM REVEAL) as well as the monthly subscription to allow remote viewing.

Steve motioned to purchase two trail cams and associated equipment not to exceed \$500, seconded by Sally, all in favor.

2. Sisters of St. Joseph

- a) 80 Garland Road Group – Sally updated the Commission by recapping the schedule of events including the 3 nights a week Permaculture 101 session; 1 day of Nature Journaling and a Biodiversity Workshop (Backyard/Field Plant Identification) in March.
- b) Sally reported that the Mid-Maine Coalition has dissolved and left approximately \$7,000 in unexpended funds, which will be donated to the GROUP. This money may be spent on a Gazebo at the location and Mike Willette has offered to build a trail to the building.

New Business:

- 1. Website - Erica created a website page for the AG Commission, however the Commission agreed to wait until the new web site is launched, before uploading documents, minutes, etc. Mike also reminded folks to update Kate's drop box where documents are stored for our viewing.
- 2. Agriculture Trade – Rocky mentioned that the show will be virtual again this year, Tuesday January 11th – 18th. On the 12th, SWOAM will have training sessions and suggested that we sign up if possible. Amanda agreed to register herself.

Sally moved to adjourn at 10:37 a.m., second by Rocky, all in favor.

Next meeting is Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 10 a.m. via ZOOM.

Respectfully Submitted by
Judith Mathiau, Secretary