



## **TOWN OF WINSLOW AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING**

### **Minutes of March 3, 2022**

**Present:** Members Rocky Gravel, Jasmine Gregory, Michael Heavener, Sally Harwood, Chair Kate Newkirk, and Parks and Rec Director Amanda McCaslin.

**Absent: Members** Elery Keene, Steve Russell and Secretary Judy Mathiau

Meeting called to order at 10:11. Rocky made motion to approve minutes as written, Sally seconded, all were in favor.

**Update on the town Forest-** The cutting is coming along great. Rocky and Amanda have been documenting with pictures and videos as the project has been proceeding. Jon Doty has presented the idea of an opportunity to do additional cutting on a few acres east of the powerlines, south of the road, and south of the red pine. Rocky gave an update on who John Hinds is. He is contracted with Dirigo to complete the cutting project. He has offered to share an educational you tube video he had made for the Messo school system. All the wood being cut is staying in Maine. The man that owns Dirigo has a machine that has a grinder on it, and he is going to be giving us a quote on grinding areas on the trail. He would be cheaper than TCL. Quote by the end of the first week of March.

**Garland Road update:** Sally reported the group has finished the permaculture series next one is solar farms and the economics of sustainability and will also be doing one on biodiversity in the backyard. Gazebo group has been meeting and discussing size and location for the structure. They are trying to find a balance between accessibility and having it in a nice area. Amanda to send Sally and Mike the info on the town gazebo.

**Brown Tail Moth** – Mike reported on the webinar he attended. The educational PDF that Mike created has been uploaded to Facebook. The AG commission will continue to share education opportunities online on best mitigation plans for dealing with Brown Tail. Moth.

**Budget** – Kate will be sending a letter to Tanya requesting \$1000.00 to be added to the AG line item to cover misc costs that have been historically covered by parks and assessing. This would also go to pay the subscription costs of the cameras.

**Farmers Market:** The AG commission would like to look at the possibility of partnering with Parks to have a less formal market that was investigated previously. This would be low rental rate per table and open to anyone looking to sell their home made/grown products. There would be an application process and would look to be once a month. Parks would try to piggyback some type of programming to make it a fun family event. Amanda will call MMA legal, bring app possibilities, and possible dates to the next meeting.

**Farm Municipal Program:** Kate to follow up with Judy about a possible marketing option to get this program out in the community. Rocky mentioned Mid Maine Tech as an option to make a marketing video.

**Community Garden update:** Amanda reported that over half the beds have been booked. She will be placing permanent numbers on the beds this year to get rid of confusion that has been happening in the past.

Next meeting will be April 7<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 10:00 in the council chambers.

Rocky made a motion to adjourn at 10:52, Jasmine seconded.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Amanda McCaslin**