

Franklin Agricultural Commission
Meeting Minutes February 26, 2024

(Hybrid Meeting)

In Attendance: Members Present: Marian Szymanski, C.J. Koshivas, Cynthia Garboski. Also present: Ed Szymanski

From Medway Agricultural Commission: Kathy Bergmann, Allison Dempsey, Tiffany, Ashley, Margaret Perkins (remote)

From Holliston Agricultural Commission: Cheree (remote), Jen Dayton, Shawn Mahar, Jean Cheslow (remote)

1. Opening:
 - a. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM by Marian Szymanski.
 - b. Roll Call: Three members of the Franklin Agricultural Commission were present.
 - c. Minutes: The minutes of our January meeting were approved.
 - d. This is a joint meeting with the Medway and Holliston Agricultural Commissions
2. Planning of Family Event with Franklin, Medway and Holliston Agricultural Commissions
 - a. Thayer Homestead (near Choate Park in Medway) could be a great option which will be pursued.
 - b. Earth Day Weekend – April 20th is the Saturday before Earth Day and the end of school break week. 10AM-2PM timeframe
 - c. Have a registration for families to help prepare for the number of attendees
 - i. Social Media event
 - d. Activity Stations: Seed balls, Birdhouse Gourds, Seedling transplant (overages from local farms), Animals such as goats and chickens, Paper shopping bag decorating, Story time area
 - e. Invite local farmers to sell CSA's or provide details about their farm.
 - f. Tractor from Medway Community Farm
 - g. Ask local farmers if they would have materials to donate and add signage that the materials were sponsored by that farm
 - h. Call attention to litter and add request to help clean the area
 - i. Wildflower seeds could be spread at the location with permission.
 - j. Recycled crayon station
 - k. Name of event: Tri-Town Farm Fest

Next meeting date: March 18, 2024, at 6:30PM tentatively at Thayer Homestead pending approval

Meeting adjourned at 7:56PM

Minutes submitted by Cynthia Garboski