**Hadley Agricultural Committee**

***Minutes***

**Monday, February 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Zoom**

**Hadley, MA**

Call To Order

1. Call to Order

* Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM
* Present: Matt Kushi, Gordon Cook, Allan Zuchowski, Adam Goodman
* Absent: Michael Docter, Joe Boisvert, Bill Handrich

1. Meeting Minutes

* Past Meeting Minutes from 2020 were reviewed and approved 4-0

1. Commission Organization

* The Commission conducted voting to determine board organization for the past year and moving forward into the next year, contingent on re-appointments.
* Matt Kushi was nominated by Gordon Cook to continue serving as Commission Chair. Allan Zuchowski seconded. Matt Kushi accepted the nomination. The Commission voted unanimously to name Matt Kushi Chair.
* Gordon Cook was nominated by Matt Kushi to serve as Vice Commission Chair. Adam Goodman seconded. Gordon Cook accepted the nomination. The Commission voted unanimously to name Gordon Cook Vice Chair.
* Other duties, including note taking were discussed. Matt Kushi stated he is fine keeping Meeting Minutes

1. Old Business
   1. Right to Farm Sign Update
      * Matt Kushi updated the Commission on the Town Meeting vote approving the implementation of the signs. The Chair worked with Christopher Okafor, DPW Director to design signs. DPW is having the town vendor design the signs with guidance from the Commission. The Commission did not provide final graphic design input, so DPW is going off of the Chair’s recommendations.
      * Discussion ensued as to what the signs would look like. The Chair will touch base with Chris Okafor and get final proofs from the DPW so that the Commission can review and see if any additional graphic design modifications need to be made before final approval and printing. Once the signs are printed, the DPW will put them up in the Commission’s designated locations in town.
   2. Membership

* Matt Kushi updated the Commission that there have been two new inquiries from individuals about joining the Commission. One was a recent request and one was from a well-known farmer in town looking to join. This would allow a member who has expressed interest in becoming an Alternate to do so. Matt will touch base with the interested parties and see if they have submitted a letter of interest to the Commission and Select Board yet.

1. New Business
   1. Resources
      * The Chair updated the Commission on other initatives that the Commission decided to take part in during 2020. An update was given on the Resource Guide and the information being provided in it. An update was also given on the GIS Resource Farm Map. Discussion took place on what the purpose of the map was. Privacy issues were also raised. The Commission would like to explore this resource further and discussion took place as to whether it should be a public resource or a opt-in resource due to privacy concerns.
      * No new initiatives were raised at this time. Tom Waskiewicz from UMass 4-H emailed the Commission about the idea of partnering with 4-H to promote agricultural projects in the community from 4-H members. Tom will be invited to a future meeting to discuss further.
2. Other Business
   1. Town Administrator
      * The Chair met in the past week with the new Town Administrator – Carolyn Brennan – and answered questions that she had on the Commission’s purpose, operations and goals going forward. She likes the idea of public resources and is willing to aid the Commission in any manner that she can
3. Adjournment

* The meeting was voted to adjournment 4-0 at 8:07 PM. A meeting will be called in March.