MINUTES
AGRICULTURE COMMISSION
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2023
MUNICIPAL OFFICE COMPLEX
MEETING ROOM 3
VIA YOUTUBE LIVE
7:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING

The Agriculture Commission was called to order at 19:05. Present were Bonnie Buongiorne, Shaleen Thody, Aaron Taylor, Mark Henderson and Ron Gross (remotely by Face Time).

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited after which a motion was made by Ms. Buongiorne to elevate Shaleen Thody and Mark Henderson to satisfy quorum requirements. Motion was seconded by Aaron Taylor and approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Buongiorne to approve the agenda, seconded by Mark Henderson, and approved unanimously.

No comments from the chair.

No communications.

Under New Business, a wonderful power point presentation was given by the Middle School Students under the guidance of Shaleen Thody. There were pictures of last year's gardens and a good bit of pride in having enough Kale and tomatoes to supply those crops for the lunchroom. There were issues with squash bugs, and a bit of disappointment in the yield of potatoes and radishes. But on a positive note, there was a recognition of some of the causes for the low yield and discussion of how to do things better.

They are looking forward to spring and the new round of crops, and they would love any help that we can offer. One request was for fertilizer. A great deal of advice was offered by Mark Henderson on the use of seaweed.

Acknowledgement was given to the garden club for donating drip irrigation to their projects.

Under Old Business, Mr. Curtin updated the status of the Old Town Street property. A letter has been submitted by Irene Haines and Norm Needleman to the State asking for the property to be donated to the town.

The site plan needs to be approved, as well as the entrance.

A motion was made to adjourn by Ron Gross and seconded by Mark Henderson.

Meeting adjourned approximately 1945.

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