

Agricultural Commission Meeting
October 10, 2017, 9:30am

Members Present: Sue Wingate, Karen Nemeth, Dina Farrell, Mike Haeger and Ron Sundquist.

Old Business

1. Directory: Joan Magrauth
 - a. Initial entries ready to submit to Karen Kock, will continue to add names/business as time goes by.
2. Community Garden: Karen Nemeth
 - a. very good this first year as our responsibility
 - b. road side sign is being worked on by Karen and Richard (her contact)
 - c. weeding of plots and paths much better
 - d. potato plants removed due to potato bug; potatoes will be prohibited next year
 - e. paths were clogged in back of garden
 - f. "Happy Hour" was enjoyed in the Golden Living Room"
3. Composting: Ron Sundquist
 - a. a. direction discussions with the elementary school teachers. The Earth Keepers program was started in New Durham which encouraged "mindful practices".
4. Master Plan is under Land Use Section, Sue will decide to stay or go from that community.

New Business

1. Directory - ongoing
2. Field trips - Great Meadow lead by Steve Wingate - nice to visit hike and finally find the Great Meadow.
3. Community Garden - Alert: no potatoes
 - a. Jackie Rollins, town office - will handle sign ups, notices and collect the \$
 - b. weeding as always
 - c. pull together a social committee for a harvest supper
 - d. handicap section or buddy up???
 - e. Tufonboro Holiday Festival - opportunity to identify others for the directory
 - f. decrease of chemical pesticides
 - g. contact Alyssa for paper promotion
4. Compostting - Michael Hager worm composting, will send photos to Ron
5. Budget - do we have \$1500? Where do garden plot fees go?
6. Town Meeting March 1st 2018, a Wednesday
7. Ron: Boy Scouts may make bird houses and butterfly houses, Mike has plans for mason and bumblebees
8. Master Plan - Sue Wingate will cover

9. Agricultural Library, Town House or Library or online - this resource question was tabled to the potting shed.
10. We will not have a float next year

Meeting was adjourned

Next meeting: first Tuesday of November @ 9:30am, we will skip December.

Respectively submitted, Joan Magrauth