

Sheffield Agricultural Commission
February 26, 2020 – APPROVED

Present: Jim Kelly, Kathy Orlando, Bob Kilmer, Holly Aragi

The meeting was called to order at 12:35pm.

Minutes of the January 30, 2020 meeting were approved as amended.

No Brochure updates.

Pollinator Friendly Community Update. The Commission discussed the informational format and design for the Town website, regarding making Sheffield a Pollinator Friendly Community. The Commission reviewed two drafts and agreed to incorporate ideas from both, to present to the Board of Selectmen a simple and informative set of statements to provide public awareness, and to include science-based links regarding the current pollinator recommendations and resources. Holly will revise the notes and keep the formal formatting. The Commission will discuss edits to the draft at the next meeting.

Bob and Jim will meet and talk to local farmers about State regulations and testing for POA/PFOA. They will also talk with them about the importance to the Town of Sheffield of returning their US Census.

The review of the role of the Agricultural Commission, farming practices in Sheffield and supporting local agriculture will be postponed to the next meeting.

Treasurer's report, there was no postage charged for mail outs on the brochures for the Agricultural Commission from the Town.

No new mail.

Item for the next meeting's agenda to include: Locally important soils, looking at the local maps with discussion to follow.

Next meeting will be March 24, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm.

Submitted,

Holly Aragi