

Eliot Agriculture and Food Security Commission

Meeting date and Location: Eliot Town Hall, January 9, 2023

Call to order: 4:40

Attendees: Leslie Stevens, Tim Johnson, Jim Waters, Norm Owens

Item Agenda and Discussion:

1. Minutes from December 5th, 2022 approved.
2. Discussion regarding the canning class held on December 8th at Green Acres. Last minute cancellation meant there was only one attendee but the space worked well and the commission has been invited to use the kitchen again. Discussed what the next class should be and determined that the UMaine
3. Discussed upcoming Comprehensive Plan Sub-Committee meeting on December 19th. Leslie will continue to be the EAFSC member on the CPC and will participate in the sub-committee. She will report back at the next meeting.
4. Discussed the EAFSC attendance policy. As we are an Ad-Hoc committee we are able to establish our own policy. Discussed the need to have members attend as many meetings as possible and when that becomes too difficult we may opt to ask that member to become an “associate member” who can attend meetings but not vote. We would then replace that member with someone who could attend regularly and that person would complete the term of the associate member. Voted unanimously to approve this plan for attendance.
5. Discussed some possible plans for the EAFSC for 2023. These include participating in Maine Farm Day, partnering with Maine Market for local meals supporting and highlighting local farmers, connecting with local land trusts, asking the Conservation Commission to come to a meeting, and hanging our map of local farms in the foyer of Town Hall.
6. Next Meeting, Either January 2 or January 9 at 4:30 at Town Hall depending on Town Hall vacation schedule.

Motion to Adjourn by Leslie and seconded by Norm, Adjourned at 5:30

Notes submitted by Leslie Stevens