

**Eliot Agriculture & Food Security Commission
Monday, November 6, 2023, at 4:30 pm
Town Hall Meeting Room**

- 1. Call to order, assign note-taker**
- 2. Accept minutes from meeting on October 2, 2023**
- 3. Discussion of budget request for FY 2025, email from Mike Sullivan**
- 4. Discussion of ways to increase our online presence on the updated town website**
- 5. Discussion of how and when to conduct survey to determine the interest in a
community garden**
- 6. Upcoming Comprehensive plan meeting on November 8th to review and accept Vision
statement**
- 7. Other Items not contemplated at the time of this posting**
- 8. Adjournment**

The EAFSC has not accepted a remote policy at this time.

Eliot Agriculture and Food Security Committee

Meeting location: Town Hall

Meeting Date: 10/2/2023

Called to order: 4:34 pm

Attendees: Leslie Stevens, Sarah Plocharczyk, Norman Owens

No Public Present

Agenda items and discussion:

The previous meeting minutes were discussed and approved.

The first order of discussion was the planning board ordinance to increase the footprint for proposed "grocery stores" in Eliot. As this doesn't tie directly into agriculture or food security we have decided to wait to become involved if needed.

The next topic was Eliot Festival Day. Overall it was a great day for everyone involved. There were some things that still need to be improved upon for next year.

Solstice Farm reached out and would like to be included in our town "Farm Map"

We discussed updating our Map and creating more of a digital presence.
Possibly a QR code.

We were informed that the Maine Farmland Trust will be releasing its publication "Cultivating Maine's Agricultural Future". The Farmland Trust will be hosting a forum called "Gathering Information on Local Agriculture and Engaging Local Farmers in Local Government". Leslie will attend.

We discussed the proposed Community Garden and a possible "co-op" farm stand where, along with vegetables from the community garden, local farms could have a space in a stand to sell their goods. We will create a survey with questions regarding the garden, the farm stand, and a possible "tool share" project. The "Farmer Tool Shed" would be a way for local farmers to borrow tools and equipment from other local farmers.

Our next meeting will be on November 6th at 4:30pm at town hall

Meeting adjourned at 5:28pm