

Eliot Agriculture and Food Security Commission

Meeting Location: Town Hall

Meeting Date: 13 February 2023

Called to Order at 16:31

Attendees: Leslie Stevens, Sarah Plocharczyk, Jim Waters, Norman Owens, and Tim Johnson

Public: David Faherty and Mr. and Mrs. Connie Rakowsky

Prior meeting minutes accepted, Leslie motioned to accept, Sarah Seconded; All in Favor (4:0) Tim not present at vote)

David Faherty discussed the potential of an app that connects people with farm stands in town – virtual farmer's market. One thing discussed was would there be interest amongst the farmers/stands in town. Possible role of the Ag Commission would be to facilitate those talks/discussion with David and farmers that would want to participate – to gauge possible interest in such an app. Possible difficulty: inventory tracking. Possible "pitch" to be presented by David at next meeting to provide to in town farmers. Will need to outreach with farmers for inventory and planning purposes.

Discussed when/how to go about implementing Featured Eliot Farmer. Keep to possible individuals posting on Facebook "on behalf" of the commission vice creating a commission profile.

Continued discussing having an open farm day in Eliot to coincide with Maine's Farm Week.

Need to plan for the rest of the year: survey, dinner, featured farmer, any future actions for the commission.

Next Meeting: 6 March 2023

1533 Sarah motioned to adjourn, Tim seconded, all in favor 5:0