

Eliot Agriculture and Food Security Commission

Meeting Location: Town Hall

Meeting Date: 3 OCT 2022

Called to Order at 4:39 PM

Minutes taken by Sarah Plocharczyk

Attendees: Leslie Stevens, Sarah Plocharczyk, and Jim Waters.

Public Present: None.

Sarah motioned to accept previous meeting's minutes with corrections, seconded by Leslie. All in Favor.

Follow up discussion about Eliot Festival Day. Overall success. "When is Eliot going to do a Farmers Market" a popular question. Map was a big hit. Do we want to reach out beyond Eliot? Next year need more advertising, possible activities near the farm stands. Look into interest for monthly Farmers Market – possibly on a solstice?

Look into "Open Farm Day" with State of Maine and join for 2023?

Update on canning classes. Norm was going to talk with Green Acres for a canning class. Pickles and vinegars with no required water bath would be best. Norm can teach. Master Canning of Maine has yet to get back to Leslie.

Regarding Comprehensive Plan Committee Leslie will be our ambassador.

Need to update social media. Next meeting we need to determine how to pick "featured farmer" so unbiased. Rank 5 then vote? Who will contact? Who will write? We DO NOT want to endorse any farms, information only.

Potential Survey Monkey questions:

- 1) Community Garden
- 2) Farmers Market in Eliot
- 3) Community refrigerator

Need to come up with and then vote on what questions we want to do.

Sarah motioned to adjourn at 5:26PM, Leslie seconded. All in favor.

Next meeting 7 NOV 2022 at the Town Hall