

**Town of Sandwich
Agriculture Commission
Minutes
August 25, 2022**

Present: Cara Sutherland, Rich Masta, Maggie Porter; Athena Holtey, guest.

Not present: Holly Cook, Dick Devens; Joanne Haight, Selectperson

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:08 pm by Cara.

Minutes: Maggie moved to accept the June 23, 2022 minutes as written, Rich seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Treasurer Report: \$500 is available

Business Meeting:

Athena expressed interested in joining the Commission as a full member. Cara will forward her interest to the Selectman's Office. Rich has been added to the Commission but needs to be officially sworn in to the position.

Those present discussed the pop-up farmer's market taking place on the village green on selected Saturdays. At this time it is an informal collaboration with the Quimby Trust as overseers of that property. Current participation appears to be Chestnut Meadows and Mountain Breeze farms as they are able to provide certificates of insurance to the Trust.

Cara distributed copies of this year's Sandwich Fair program and those present discussed how the Agricultural Commission might become more involved in the future.

Discussion continued regarding the idea of an Open Farm Day to be held in 2023. Commission members will future explore the idea this fall and over the winter. Hopefully some of us can attend one held in other communities to get a sense of what is required to host such an event.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 29, 2022 at 4:00 pm.

Maggie moved to adjourn, Rich seconded the motion, all present voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 5:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cara Sutherland, Acting Secretary