

**Town of Sandwich
Agriculture Commission
Minutes
January 11, 2023**

Present: Cara Sutherland, Holly Cook, Dick Devens, Rich Masta, Guest: Catherine Dufault

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm by Cara, Chairperson.

Minutes: Dick moved to accept the December 14, 2022 minutes, Rich seconded the motion and all voted in favor. The December 14, 2022 minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer Report: \$500 remains in the account with no expenditures.

Business Meeting:

Old Business:

Cara reported that we now have an email: agcommission@sandwichnh.org

Cara reported that there are 3 programs available through NH Humanities Council. The commission discussed a potential schedule of presentations: March – Gardening 101; May - Big House, Little House, Back House, Barn: The Connected Farm Buildings of New England; July – Poor Houses and Town Farms: The Hard Row for Paupers; August: Food Preservation; October: Heirloom Apples.

Rich emailed CES to inquire about a presenter for beginner gardening and will talk with his neighbor about a fruit tree talk. Catherine knows an apple expert who would like to visit Sandwich.

New Business:

Cara will draft a report for the Annual Town Report and make it available for review.

The group discussed the “Right to Food”.

Catherine talked about the 2023 Conservation Districts Climate Resilience Grant that is available with a deadline of 2/1/23.

Dick moved to adjourn, Rich seconded the motion, all voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

The next meeting will be held on 02/08/23 at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Cook
Secretary