

Bozrah Agriculture Commission Meeting Agenda

March 22, 2022 7:00 pm

Maples Farm Park Homestead

1. Attendance/ Introductions
2. Public Input
3. Review of Minutes from January 25, 2022 Meeting
4. Old Business:
 - a. 2022 BAC Sponsorships
 - b. 2022 Agriculture Commission Events
 - i. Memorial Day Parade – May 28, 2022, 10 am
 - ii. Tractor Night at Farmer's Market – July 15, 2022
 - iii. Ag in the Classroom – Summer 2022
 - iv. Bozrah Commissions Appreciation Local Food Potluck – August TBD 2022, 5-7pm
 - v. Fiberfest –October 22, 2022
 - c. Riverwalk Improvement Plan
5. New Business
 - a. BAC logo on shirts - Molly
6. Other Business
7. Future Agendas
8. Announcements/Reminders
9. Public Input
10. Adjourn



Next Agriculture Commission meeting is March 22, 2022



Bozrah Agriculture Commission

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 25, 2022 7:00 p.m.

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Present: Sarah Brush, Amanda Fargo-Johnson, Cheryl Carberry, Molly Lathrop, Abi Christina, Joe Christina **Public Guests:** Glenn Pianka, Michel Leask (Zoom coordinator)

Absent: Stephanie Fear

1. Attendance/ Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Sarah Brush. The meeting was held virtually.

2. Public Input: none

3. Review of Minutes: Amanda moved to accept the minutes of the November 16, 2021 meeting. Abi seconded the motion; The commission agreed that “Buffet” should more accurately be called “Local Food Potluck.” There is also an edit for “Amanda will look into a costume form the Department of Agriculture”; this should be under the Memorial Parade discussion and not the Farmer’s Market event. Cheryl will make the corrections. The motion was passed with the two edits that were discussed.

4. Old Business:

- **2022 BAC Sponsorships-** Glenn provided the commission members with the policy that was adopted by the town regarding awards and scholarships. Town funds cannot be used to fund our BAC scholarships. We need to raise these funds. Michel shared her experience with this policy. Molly moved to continue to support the student scholarships with this year’s amount to be decided. Cheryl seconded the motion. Molly reported that there are two eligible freshmen and no eligible seniors at Lyman Memorial High School this year for our awards. The commission members were in full agreement about the importance of supporting youth in their agricultural pursuits. Discussion continued about feeling confident that we can raise money to continue the scholarships. The motion was passed unanimously.
- **Fiberfest -** Joe spoke with Linda, the owner of Six Paca Farm and received permission for Fiberfest to be held at the mill or farm location. A tentative date of October 22, 2022 has been set. The location options were discussed. Abi will provide Glenn with more information so he can explore attaining insurance from the town for Fiberfest. Food options were discussed. Amanda will reach out to potential vendors. Further planning will occur at our next meeting.
- **Tractor Night at Farmer’s Market –** Sarah reported that this event will be on Friday, July 15, 2022. Amanda will publicize this event. Volunteers will be needed to solicit scholarship donations and bring the BAC display to the market. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

- **Ag in the Classroom** – This activity is planned to be held this summer; Molly & Cheryl will plan and participate.
- **Memorial Day** - Molly is securing a tractor and hay wagon; Glenn stated the parade will be held on Saturday, May 28th at 10:00 am and the parade planning meetings will start in February; Amanda reached out to the Department of Agriculture about a cow costume but they have discontinued this.
- **Bozrah Commissions Appreciation Local Food Potluck** – Molly volunteered to be the head organizer; Cheryl offered to help; We will hold this in August 2022; Molly will reach out to the Maple Park Commission members for a date; Hoping for a Saturday 5-7pm; planning will continue at future meetings.
- **Riverwalk Improvement Plan** – Commission members shared the vision for this with Glenn who was very supportive of the idea. He requested that careful attention be paid to protecting the white oak tree that is in Carl Zorn's memory. Approval for pursuing the improvement plan is needed from the Board of Selectmen.

5. New Business:

- Glenn provided the BAC members with an update on the current Open Space Plan for Bozrah. There are several parcels of land that the town is interesting in protecting on South Road, Bozrah Street and along the cemetery walkway. Funding is "in the works." The Avalonia Land Conservancy is interested in helping manage the properties. Glenn would like the BAC to be involved and thinks the Riverwalk Improvement Plan fits well with the town's plan.
- Cheryl volunteered to convert the paper and pen scholarship application to a more modern, digital format. Ideas were discussed. Cheryl will create a Google Doc for applicants.

6. Other Business:

- Molly proposed wearing shirts with the BAC logo at BAC functions. She can create these. Interested members should bring the shirt they want a logo on to next meeting for Molly.

7. Future Agendas: The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 22, 2022. The agenda will reflect the minutes of this meeting. BYOS! (bring your own shirt)

8. Announcements/Reminders: Amanda announced that there are 2022 transition grants available for farmers. Visit <https://portal.ct.gov/DOAG/ADaRC/Publications/2022-Farm-Transition-Grant> for more information. A virtual workshop is being held in February to support this.

9. Public Input: None

10. Adjourn: Abi moved to adjourn the meeting; Joe seconded the motion; the motion was passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Carberry

BAC Secretary



Bozrah Agriculture Commission

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 16, 2021 7:00 p.m.

Present: Sarah Brush, Amanda Fargo-Johnson, Cheryl Carberry, Molly Lathrop **Public**

Guests: none **Absent:** Abi Christina, Joe Christina, Stephanie Fear

1. Attendance/ Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 7:13 pm by Sarah Brush. The meeting location was changed due to keys not working at Maples Farm Park Homestead and was instead held at the Bozrah Town Hall in a downstairs room..

2. Public Input: none

3. Review of Minutes: Amanda moved to accept the minutes of the September 28, 2021 meeting; Molly seconded the motion; the motion was passed.

4. Old Business:

- **Bozrah Grown Display Board & Easel:** The BAC display board is currently on display in the foyer of the town hall.
- **Fiberfest** - We want to move forward with this; Joe is looking into the location so we may continue planning.

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5. New Business:

- **2022 Events:** The committee discussed the many activities that were brainstormed at the last meeting and decided to move forward with the following in 2022:
 - **Tractor Night at Farmer's Market** – possible theme night?
 - **Ag in the Classroom** – summer – Molly & Cheryl
 - **Memorial Day** - Molly will look into a tractor and hay wagon; Sarah will look into milk marketing items to hand out; Amanda will look into a costume form the Department of Agriculture
 - **Bozrah Commissions Appreciation Local Food Potluck** – August 2022
- **Riverwalk Improvement Plan** – We are looking to enhance this area for wildlife; it is currently mowed twice a year by Brush Hill Farm; We would be conscientious about maintaining the ease of regular maintenance by the town employees; More information is needed; Sarah will reach out to Bozrah town officials; Amanda will contact DEEP Wildlife Division.
- **2022 BAC Sponsorships**- Cheryl will verify continued funding and will update the application and send it to Molly for distribution at Lyman Memorial High School.

- **2022 BAC Meeting Dates:** Amanda moved to accept the following dates for future meetings:
 - January 25, 2022
 - March 22, 2022
 - May 24, 2022
 - September 27, 2022
 - November 15, 2022

Cheryl seconded the motion and the motion passed.

- **BAC Member Appointment Expiration Dates:** Sarah, Amanda, Cheryl and Stephanie plan to continue to serve on the BAC. Member expiration dates will be as follows:
 - Sarah Brush – 12/15/24
 - Amanda Fargo-Johnson – 12/15/24
 - Cheryl Carberry – 12/15/24
 - Stephanie Fear – 12/15/24
 - Molly Lathrop – 12/15/22
 - Joe Christina – 12/15/22
 - Abi Christina - 12/15/22

6. Other Business:

- Maples Farm Park Homestead Key Issue – Molly took the keys and will speak to Glenn Pianka to find out why they are not working.

7. Future Agendas: The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 25, 2022. The agenda will reflect the minutes of this meeting.

8. Announcements/Reminders: None

9. Public Input: None

10. Adjourn: Cheryl moved to adjourn the meeting; Molly seconded the motion; the motion was passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:18pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Carberry

BAC Secretary