

Bozrah Agriculture Commission

Agenda

**Tuesday May 21, 2019
Maples Farm Park Homestead
7 p.m.**

- 1. Attendance/Introductions**
- 2. Public Input – 3 minutes per person**
- 3. Review of April 23, 2019 Meeting Minutes**
- 4. Old Business**
 - **Agriculture Scholarship Student Application- review received applications**
 - **Ag in the classroom reading in 2019: update**
 - **Bozrah History Videos- duplication for distribution: status**
 - **2019 Commission Events**
 - **Farmer's Market – Tractor Night – flyer and donation jar for scholarships**
 - **Canning Event Fall 2019**
 - **Bozrah Grown Logo**
- 5. New Business**
 - **Board member appointments**
- 6. Other Business**
 - **Such other business that may be brought to the attention of the Commission**
- 7. Future Agendas**
- 8. Announcements/Reminders**
- 9. Public Input – 3 minutes per person**
- 10. Adjourn**

Next Bozrah Agriculture Commission Meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2019 at 7pm.

Bozrah Agriculture Commission

Draft Monthly Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 23, 2019 -7 p.m.

Present: Sarah Brush, Amanda Fargo-Johnson, and Abi Christina. Steve Seder and Pat Hibbard were absent. Public Guests: Glenn Pianka and Joe Christina.

1. **Attendance/Introductions.** The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Sarah Brush.
2. **Public Input** – Glenn Pianka reported he would be renting a tent for the Recreation Commission to use at Maples Farm Park for summer camp and extended an invitation to the Agriculture Commission to use it during this time if needed. The Agriculture Commission is also slated for a 20% increase in the Town budget line item from \$1,000 a year to \$1,200 in the coming fiscal year.
3. **Review of Minutes.** Motion made by Abi Christina to approve the January 22, 2019 meeting minutes. Seconded by Sarah Brush, all in favor.
4. **Old Business**
 - **Agriculture Scholarship – Student Application:** The Commission circulated the final scholarship application to the schools, and through the Town Website, TWIB newsletter, and the Commission’s Facebook Page. Applications to be mailed to the Town hall address.
 - **Ag in the Classroom reading in 2019:** No information received to date.
 - **Bozrah History Videos – duplication for distribution:** Tabled, Steve Seder was not present to give an update.
 - **Tri-Town Meeting 2019:** “Growing Non-traditional Crops” was held on March 28, 2019 co-hosted with surrounding area AG Commissions of Bozrah, Lebanon, Franklin, Mansfield and Tolland held at Lyman High School in Lebanon with a great turnout of 150+ attendees. Topics included growing mushrooms, hemp and grains in CT.
 - **2019 Tractor Night:** Tractor Night to be held on the 2nd Bozrah Farmers Market of the season, July 19th. Amanda to make a flyer for the event, Sarah will again be the main point of contact, Joe to assist Sarah with the event.
 - **Canning Event –“Preserving the Harvest” fall 2019:** Event to cover canning and freezing methods to preserve the harvest. Amanda to follow up with UConn Extension Master Gardener’s office and Diane Hirsch of UConn Extension. Sarah to contact Agway to see if they would be interested in sponsoring the event. Molly Lathrop is interested in assisting with this event.
 - **Bozrah Grown Logo:** Abi presented the Commission with a draft of what the Bozrah Grown logo could look like. Amanda to follow up on finalizing it.
5. **New Business:**
 - **Board Member Appointments:** Amanda noted that there were several Commission appointments due for renewal. Steve Seder asked to be re-appointed for another term. Donald Lathrop and Maresi VonHalem asked to not be re-appointed to the Commission. The Commission is thankful for their years of dedicated service and time to the Bozrah Agriculture Commission. Joe Christina is willing to serve on the Commission. Board members requested Glenn please add the request for appointment of Joe Christina to the next Bozrah Board of Selectman meeting.
6. **Other Business:** none
7. **Future Agendas:** add to existing agenda items, new board appointments and donation jar and new info board for the Commission to display at the farmers market during Tractor night.
8. **Announcements/Reminder.** Abi noted as a result of the recent non-traditional workshop that she would be working with Dylan, one of the speakers on hemp to trial processing hemp they grow into fibers for yarn.
9. **Public Input.** None.
10. **Adjourn:** Abi Christina motioned to adjourn; Sarah Brush seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday May 21, 2019 at 7:00 pm

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Final Monthly Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 22, 2019 -7 p.m.

Present: Sarah Brush, Amanda Fargo-Johnson, and Abi Christina. Donald Lathrop, Steve Seder, Maresi von Halem and Pat Hibbard were absent. Public Guests: Glenn Pianka and Joe Christina.

1. **Attendance/Introductions.** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Sarah Brush.
2. **Public Input** – Glenn Pianka reported on the status of the new Town website, that it would be easier to navigate and Commission information would be updated.
3. **Review of Minutes.** Motion made by Abi Christina to approve the November 27, 2018 meeting minutes. Seconded by Sarah Brush, all in favor.
4. **Old Business**
 - **Agriculture Scholarship – Student Application:** The Commission reviewed the draft scholarship application as presented by Amanda. Motion made by Abi Christina to accept the application with revisions as discussed, second by Sarah Brush, all in favor. Commission had discussion about distribution of the application to the schools, town website, and the Commission’s social media page. Application to list Town hall as the address to mail completed applications to.
 - **Ag in the classroom reading in 2019:** Sarah to follow up.
 - **Bozrah History Videos – duplication for distribution:** Tabled, Steve Seder was not present to give an update.
5. **New Business:**
 - **2019 Commission Events:** Commission discussion about 2019 events. Suggested to plan for Tractor Night on the 2nd Friday in July, Sarah to confirm.
 - **Tri-Town Meeting Ideas for 2019:** Discussion about topic ideas for the event to be held in Lebanon this year, possibly 6-8pm. Amanda will work with Joan Nichols of CT Farm Bureau along with the partners in Franklin and Lebanon to schedule the meeting, with a focus on either hemp and grains and other non-traditional crops or silvopasture and agroforestry. Amanda will email the Commission with updates prior to the next meeting.
 - **Canning Event –fall 2019:** Abi notified the Commission that Six Paca farm is willing to host the Commission’s canning workshop in the fall of 2019. Amanda will follow up with UConn Extension Master Gardener’s office and Diane Hirsch.
 - **Bozrah Grown Logo:** Sarah noted that it may be a good idea to have our own Bozrah Grown logo to use and promote, the Commission discussed ideas.
6. **Other Business:** none
7. **Future Agendas:** keep the agendas the same to continue current business.
8. **Announcements/Reminder.** AG Day at the capitol is March 20, 2019.
9. **Public Input.** None.
10. **Adjourn:** Abi Christina motioned to adjourn; Sarah Brush seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday April 23, 2019 at 7:00 pm

**BOZRAH AGRICULTURE COMMISSION
PRESENTS**

TRACTOR NIGHT

at the Bozrah Farmer's Market

July 19, 2019

4-7 PM

Maples Farm Park

45 Bozrah Street, Bozrah, CT 06334

Do you love your tractor, want to show it off? The Bozrah Agriculture Commission invites you to join them in celebrating farm tractors. Old and new tractors are welcome to display. Interested in bringing your tractor along?

For more details please contact

Sarah at 860.383.9255 and leave a message.

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