

Bozrah Agriculture Commission

Draft of Monthly Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 17, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Present: Sarah Brush, Amanda Fargo-Johnson, Molly Lathrop, Joe Christina, Cheryl Carberry

Absent: Abi Christina, Steve Seder. **Public Guests:** Michel Leask (coordinating Zoom meeting), Stephanie Fear

1. **Attendance/ Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by Sarah Brush; Stephanie of Firefly Commons Farm on Lake Road in Bozrah was introduced as a guest and spoke about her farm.
2. **Public Input:** none
3. **Review of Minutes:** Molly moved to accept the minutes of the September 22, 2020 meeting; Amanda seconded the motion; the motion was accepted with a unanimous vote.
4. **Old Business:**
 - **Bozrah History Video:** Duplication for distribution; no action has been taken on this agenda item in over a year
 - **Bozrah Grown Display Board:** Amanda presented the final draft for BAC approval; the display is beautiful! Amanda will investigate purchasing an easel for the display board.
 - **BAC Officer Positions** – all members are on good standing at least until next year; As Steve has not attended a meeting in over a year, Sarah will reach out to him to see if he still wishes to remain on the BAC.
5. **New Business:**
 - **2021 SAE Sponsorship:**
 - An updated sponsorship application was presented
 - A discussion was held as to if our \$1,200 line item in the town budget is still allowed to be used to fund the sponsorships based on the postings by the first selectman in the TWIB.
 - Members stressed that the sponsorships promote the future of agriculture in Bozrah and it has been past practice to use the line item for this support.
 - Cheryl will reach out to the first selectman to ascertain that the line item may be used for the BAC sponsorship before we release the applications to students
 - **2021 Events:** Due to the current pandemic, future events are unable to be decided.

- **2021 BAC Meeting Dates** – Molly moved to accept the 2021 meeting dates as: January 26, March 23, May 25, September 28, November 16; Amanda seconded; the motion passed.

6. **Other Business:** none

7. **Future Agendas:** The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 26, 2021. The agenda will reflect the minutes of this meeting.

8. **Announcements/Reminders:**

- The annual Bozrah Holiday Farmer's Market is this Saturday
- The Compost Series Workshops went well and are available for public viewing at ctrcd.org
- A COVID assistance program for farmers is available
- It was suggested that we contribute positive agricultural posts to the Bozrah Community Forum on Facebook

9. **Public Input:** None

10. **Adjourn:** Joe moved to adjourn the meeting; Molly seconded the motion; the motion was passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:44pm

Next Agriculture Commission meeting is January 26, 2021

