Bozrah Agriculture Commission
Agenda
Tuesday, May 26, 2020
7 p.m.
Zoom – online meeting:

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1. Attendance/Introductions

2. Public Input – 3 minutes per person

3. Review of January 28, 2020 Meeting Minutes

4. Old Business
   - Bozrah History Videos- duplication for distribution status
   - Bozrah Grown Logo
   - Bozrah Grown Display Board – Photos needed!
   - Voucher Program – additional information
   - 2020 Commission Events
     - Tri-Town Workshop – None in 2020
     - Canning Event
     - Summer Camp AG Program
     - Farmer’s Market – Tractor Night – July 17, 2020
     - Fiber Festival – October 24, 2020 (10am -4pm)
       Vendor Application Form

5. New Business
   - 2020 Borah Agriculture Commission Sponsorship Applications received
     - Sponsorship Applicant Interviews

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 22, 2020 at 7pm.
Bozrah Agriculture Commission
Draft Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 28, 2020 - 7 p.m.


1. Attendance/Introductions. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Sarah Brush.

2. Public Input -Carl Zorn gave an introduction to the Commission.

3. Review of Minutes. Motion made by Cheryl Carberry to approve the November 19, 2019 meeting minutes. Seconded by Abi Christina, all in favor.

4. Old Business
   • Bozrah History Videos – duplication for distribution: Tabled in the absence of Steve Seder.
   • Board Member Appointments: Amanda received an updated list of appointments and terms for all the Commission members from Carl Zorn. Copies of term appointments were given out to Commission members.
   • Bozrah Grown Logo: Amanda will present revised options to the Commission at an upcoming meeting.
   • Voucher Program: Amanda asked for additional information from the Department of Agriculture and is waiting to hear back. Sarah offered to check in with Lynne Skinner or Ray Barber who run the Town Food Pantry for numbers on those in town who use the WIC/Senior checks at the farmers market. Carl suggested checking in with the Senior Director which the Commission has with no response or TVCCA.
   • 2019 Commission Events:
     Tri-Town Workshop: Amanda emailed Lebanon and Franklin, since the Commissions have put on such great events over the past years it was decided to skip a 2020 workshop and take a break.
     Canning Event –“Preserving the Harvest” Summer 2020: Molly Lathrop will coordinate the event in June 2020. The focus will be on strawberry jam and pickles (beets or cucumbers). To be held at the Bozrah Firehouse and a max of 15 registrations. Details will be given at the next meeting.
     Ag in the Classroom – Summer Camp Program: Molly to coordinate in 2020 and Cheryl will assist. Molly will be reaching out to Debbi Tanner, AG in the Classroom coordinator for the 2020 materials.
     2020 Tractor Night: Sarah secured July 17th as the 2020 Tractor Night.
   • Fiber Festival 2020: Abi is coordinating this event in partnership with Six Paca Farm & Mill in 2020. The Commission will host the Fiber Festival on October 24, 2020 from 10am-4pm at the Mill located on Stockhouse Rd. As follow up to Commission discussion, Abi checked with Linda about insurance coverage and noted her request that vendors with consumables carrying liability insurance. The Commission agreed that liability coverage for the day should be required and of all vendors, not just consumable products. Abi stated there was enough room for 12 vendors and 1 food truck outside, and room for educational displays inside the mill. The cost to vend will be $25.00 each, all proceeds will be used for the Bozrah Sponsorship Program. Abi will develop the vendor application and rider in February; applications will be due by June 1, 2020.

5. New Business:
   • Agriculture Scholarship – Student Application: Amanda revised and circulated the 2020 application to the Commission in early January 2020. Commission members will make sure that
the application gets circulated with the appropriate staff at Lyman High School. Carl discussed the title of scholarship vs sponsorship. The Commission agreed to revise the title of the award to Sponsorship. Amanda will revise and circulate the application again. Sarah will go to Dime Bank to create an account for funds raised by the Commission for the Sponsorship Awards to be deposited to.

- **Bozrah Ag Commission Display Board**: Amanda is willing to put together a new display board for the Commission’s events, but needs Commission members to send her some new high resolution agriculture pictures from their farms to use.
- **Vice Chair/Secretary**: Amanda again brought up her desire after many years to step down from her current position as Vice Chair/Secretary on the Commission. Cheryl Carberry offered to be Secretary if Amanda remained as Vice Chair. The split in position was agreed upon by the Commission. Amanda agreed to do minutes and agenda for the next meeting but going forward after that Amanda will be Vice Chair and Cheryl will be Secretary of the Bozrah Agriculture Commission.

6. **Other Business**:
   - None.

7. **Future Agendas**: Keep the same agenda items for the next meeting.

8. **Announcements/Reminder**. Events happening: Sarah mentioned a Top 10 Pests workshop at UConn Extension in Haddam on January 29th and an Extending the Season workshop at Extension in February. Amanda noted the upcoming CT Hemp Conference on February 26th and CT Compost Conference on March 23rd.

9. **Public Input**. None.

10. **Adjourn**: Abi Christina motioned to adjourn; Cheryl Carberry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

    **Next meeting**: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 7:00 pm
Bozrah Agriculture Commission
Final Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 19, 2019 - 7 p.m.


1. Attendance/Introductions. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by Sarah Brush.

2. Public Input – None.

3. Review of Minutes. Motion made by Abi Christina to approve the September 24, 2019 meeting minutes. Seconded by Cheryl Carberry, all in favor.

4. Old Business
   • Bozrah History Videos – duplication for distribution: Tabled in the absence of Steve Seder.
   • Board Member Appointments: Amanda read from an email from the First Selectman, that Cheryl Carberry was appointed to the Commission on October 15, 2019 by the Bozrah BOS. Amanda also noted that Abi, Joe, Molly and Cheryl will need to go to the town hall to sign something and get sworn in to confirm their appointment with the Town Clerk. Amanda confirmed that Joe and Molly are filling previous members’ seats thru 12/15/19 and will check with the First Selectman on term length and reappointments coming due for all board members.
   • Bozrah Grown Logo: Amanda presented several options to the Commission to review, feedback was given and edits will be made and looked at again at a future meeting.
   • Voucher Program: The Commission requested further information in terms of current use by those in town with regard to the WIC/Senior voucher program. The First Selectman directed us to contact the Town Senior Director, Pam Cantino, Amanda reached out by email several times with no response to date. Amanda will ask for additional information from the Department of Agriculture next.
   • 2019 Commission Events:
     Tri-Town Workshop: That time of the year to start thinking about the annual tri-town workshop, theme ideas, the Commission will contact Franklin and Lebanon to see if they have any ideas for 2020.

   Canning Event – “Preserving the Harvest” fall 2019: Commission cancelled the event due to low registration.

   Ag in the Classroom – Summer Camp Pickle Program: Molly to coordinate in 2020 and Cheryl will assist.

   2020 Tractor Night: Tractor Night was held on the 2nd Bozrah Farmers Market in 2019, Sarah will reach out to Mira to coordinate a date in 2020.

   Fiber Festival 2020: Abi is coordinating this event in partnership with Six Paca Farm & Mill in 2020. The Commission will host the Fiber Festival on October 17, 2020 from 9am-4pm at the Mill location. As follow up to Commission discussion, Abi will check with Linda about insurance coverage and associated costs. Abi will attend the upcoming CT Sheep Breeders meeting.

5. New Business:
• **2020 Commission Meeting Dates:** Amanda presented a proposed meeting schedule based on 2019 meeting dates to the Commission. Motion made by Cheryl Carberry to approve the 2020 Meeting Dates. Seconded by Abi Christina, all in favor.

• **Agriculture Scholarship – Student Application:** The Commission reviewed the 2019 application and made edits to the 2020 application. Amanda to revise and circulate the 2020 application to the Commission in early January 2020. Abi and Sarah to make sure that the application gets circulated with the appropriate staff at Lyman High School. The Commission was told that going forward the funds for the scholarship account will need to be held outside of the town budget account.

• **Confirm 2020 Events:** Commission discussed its 2020 event schedule earlier in the meeting.

6. **Other Business:**
   - None.

7. **Future Agendas:** Keep the agenda as is for the next meeting.

8. **Announcements/Reminder.** Abi announced that she had received her American Farmer Degree.

9. **Public Input.** None.

10. **Adjourn:** Abi Christina motioned to adjourn; Cheryl Carberry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

    **Next meeting:** Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 7:00 pm
Bozrah Agriculture Commission
2020 AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Bozrah Agriculture Commission sponsored scholarships will be awarded to one high school senior pursuing a higher education degree in agriculture and one 9th or 10th grader with an SAE project who best meets the requirements set forth by the Commission. Award amounts will be made in the amount of $500.00 for one graduating senior and $250.00 for one SAE project by the Commission (in total two scholarships will be awarded annually).

The Commission will review and score all submitted applications. Applicant's references may be contacted by telephone or email. The Commission will interview applicants on March 24, 2020. The scholarship recipients will be notified by May 1, 2020 by mail and formal presentation of scholarships will be made at the Lebanon Regional FFA Chapter Banquet in May 2020. Students must be a resident of Bozrah, CT to be eligible. Scholarships are open to graduating high school seniors and students currently enrolled in 9th or 10th grade Vo-AG High School with an SAE project.

Applications must be returned by: March 1, 2020 with all supporting documentation

Scholarship Application Form

1. Student’s Name: Julia Lathrop
2. SAE Focus: Equine Studies
3. Home Address: 101 Hough Road
4. Email Address: jualathrop@lebanonct.org
5. Phone Number: 860-405-7676

6. Please include 3 Personal/Business references including FFA advisor. Also include a copy of your transcripts.

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7. High School Seniors what College or Institution do you plan to attend?

8. Anticipated major/field of study?

9. Have you been accepted?

10. Applicants need to submit a 1 page essay with the completed application form.

Senior high school student essay questions: What has been the greatest accomplishments you have achieved during high school and FFA and how will that help you in your future plans? What are your plans in relation to agriculture after graduating high school?

9th & 10th grade high school student essay questions: Explain your SAE and where do you hope to go with it? How will the skills you learn from your SAE help you in the future?
March 13, 2020

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please accept my application for the Bozrah Agriculture Commission scholarship. My name is Julia Lathrop and I am a freshmen enrolled in the Agricultural Science program at Lyman Memorial High School. My SAE project is focusing on driving horses. At home, I have a quarter horse and a paint horse. I feed them, clean them, and hope to ride them someday. I also work with a family friend who’s teaching me how to drive horses. We will use the horses to plow a garden and attend horse pulls. This scholarship will help me have enough money to register for riding lessons and buy riding clothes. I want to ride horses because I think I will have a better experience working with them if I know how to ride them. All of this will help me get more SAE hours for my record book as well.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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