

Ipswich Agricultural Commission

Minutes of the Meeting of February 10, 2021

Conducted on-line via Zoom

Members participating: Eric Galicki, Jay Stanbury, Charlotte Kahn and Brian Curley (associate members)

Members not present: Norm Swanson, Shendel Bakal, Royce Knowlton,

Non-members present: Olga Kostromytska, Liz Green, Beth O'Connor

Minutes: The Commission voted to approve the draft minutes from the meetings of October 14, 2020 and January 15, 2021.

Citizens' queries and comment: Liz Green, of the Three Sisters Farm, introduced herself. She and the Commission discussed the Farm's plans for the coming year.

Discussion:

Public workshop series (continued from January meeting):

- Brian Curley introduced Olga Kostromytska, who is a specialist in integrated pest management (IPM). She has offered to be the guest speaker at a Commission workshop. She described her field of expertise (entomology) and how she might present an IPM program at the workshop.
- The members discussed various ways of publicizing the event, including email, the LocalNews, and a flyer. Brian Curley offered to prepare a flyer based on the Commission's banner graphics.
- The Commission also discussed the date of the proposed workshop, and decided that due to Covid and time constraints, the workshop would best be postponed until April. There will be no workshop in March.

Other matters:

- The Commission reviewed the proposed Water Department well on Linebrook Road, including discussion of possible alternatives to the well as proposed that might more effectively meet the Town's water needs.
- Given the potential impact of the proposed well on adjacent farmland, the Commission decided to draft a letter to the town and other entities stating its opposition to the well.

The next Agricultural Commission meeting was scheduled for March 10, 2021

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Jay Stanbury, Chair, Town of Ipswich Agricultural Commission