

## **Ipswich Agricultural Commission**

### **Minutes of the Meeting of March 9, 2022**

**Members and Associates participating:** Jay Stanbury, Royce Knowlton, Charlotte Kahn, Shendel Bakal

**Members not present:** Eric Galicki, Norm Swanson,

**Non-members present:** Josh Carver-Brown, Kat Kenney

**Meeting Location:** Ipswich Town Hall, Room B-2

**Minutes:** The Commission voted to approve the draft minutes from the meeting of February 2, 2022.

#### **Citizens' queries and comment:**

- Kat Kenney is the owner of Ascot Riding Center. She inquired about recent changes to state law that allow local agricultural commissions to acquire certain rights to agricultural land. The Commission noted that it had not given this issue much consideration in the past, but that it is worth further investigation.
- Josh Carver-Brown of Fellows Road introduced himself to the Commission members. He is interested in starting a small commercial farm on his property.

#### **Agenda Items**

- The Commission continued discussion of running a series of ads and announcements in the Local News newspaper for the purpose of promoting local farms and produce. Jay Stanbury will contact The Local News for information about rates, schedules, and design services.
- It was noted that Ann Hezzey has sent additional information about the list of Ipswich farms. However, no further action has been taken on this item.

#### **Other Business**

- It was noted that members whose terms end at the end of the Town's fiscal year (June 30) must file an application with the Town Manager's office or their membership will expire.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.

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