

November

## **Lakeville Agricultural Commission Minutes.**

**11/19/2019**

**Meeting held at Council On Aging, 1 Deer Crossing, Lakeville, Ma  
02347**

**Call to Order: 7:01 PM.**

**Present: Joan Morton, Cindy Barber, Dave Thomas, Hank Van**

**Absent: Jared Darling, Crystal Ng**

- 1. Minutes from October 15, 2019 approved.**
- 2. Hank Van Laarhoven nominated and voted as Secretary.**
- 3. Selectmen's Meeting: Selectmen approved Right To Farm bylaw and gave their blessing for Farmer's Market in 2020.**
- 4. Farmer's Market: Dee Elliot expressed concerns that the future Farmer's Market might be detrimental to their thriving Farm Stand. Elliot Farm is opened daily and the Farmer's Market will only be opened four hours per week. Dave expressed that we would like Elliot Farm be part of our program. Dave also drafted some notes for the Farmers market program. "No reselling of commercially made items. Work with our schools to get volunteers to help work at booths for Farmers or Crafters who either do not have the manpower or time to attend their own booths. (Students who are members of the National Honor Society or Eagle Scouts are required to do community service). "Lakeville First" – In our mission to support agriculture in our town while hopefully getting more people interested in becoming Farmers/Growers (and our local crafters) the Farmers Market will give precedence to vendors based in Lakeville over vendors based in other towns that sell the same product. Also the Agricultural Commission will be charging the average rate for Vendor Space that is common to other local farmers Markets in the area. Lakeville Vendors will get a discount." Cindy expressed desire to locate vendors to sell gluten free products and biodynamic vegetables. Organic farmers may be given a discount. The Ag Commission needs to research charges for vendors, work on a practical set of rules and nail down the dates for the Farmer's Market. Cindy and Joan suggested scouting for vendors at the turn of the year. The farmer's Market Survey will be removed from the Town Website. The most popular pick for the Farmer's Market from the Survey was on the weekend. The Survey**

elicited importance of local vegetables, local honey, and organic eggs. Joanne Corrieri Upham from the Arts Council recommended news papers and checking other Farmer's Markets leaders for finding vendors. She also mentioned food vendors need insurance and all Vendors need tax numbers to sell their goods.

5. Right To Farmer Bylaw: We voted to move forward with the Bylaw. We must make a presentation to the Planning Board next.
6. Expanding Agriculture in town: We need to develop a Website. Paul suggested placing Grat<sup>n</sup> information on the Website.
7. New Business: We discussed town property to grow flowers or vegetables. Insurance is an issue.
8. Date of next Meeting: 12/17/2019.
9. Meeting adjourned at 7:53PM.