## **Agricultural Commission**

Springfield, NH

## Minutes of August 3, 2022

Chair Keith Cutting called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

These minutes are to be considered draft until approved by the Agricultural Commission.

Attending Commission members: Chair Keith Cutting, Neal Huntoon, Alison, Patten, Cynthia Bruss Others: Annika and Luke Munholand

Motion made by Keith and seconded by Alison to accept Minutes of June 8<sup>th</sup> as written. Passed by vote. Motion made by Cynthia and seconded by Alison to accept minutes of July 6<sup>th</sup> as written. Passed by vote.

Welcome made to Annika and Luke.

## **Old Business**

Review of the success of the maple syrup contest help at the Springfield Celebration on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Participants were Darren Patten, Ken Jacques, Keith Cutting, Bill Ellis, Tim Cook and Donny Hufault Fifty syrup samplers voted the favored syrup to be from the Ellis Farm.

Allison will have Bill's name etched on the winner's plaque.

The plaque will be hung in the winner's sap house for the year.

Motion was made by Neal and seconded by Keith to have Alison reimbursed for that cost.

Motion was made by Cynthia and seconded by Neal to reimburse John Trachey for the construction of the wooden Agricultural Commission sign.

## **New Business**

Possible future presentations were noted. These included bee keeping, alternative gardening, composting, sheep and fiber, raising rabbits, food preservation, starting apple trees, soil testing and cheese making.

Two subjects for near future presentations are being considered.

- --a demonstration of making goat cheese
- --a town wide "Biggest Springfield Pumpkin" contest.

Meeting adjourned by Chair Cutting at 7:55.

Next meeting; September 7th at 7:00 in the Protectworth Room.

Minutes submitted by Cynthia Bruss