

Oxford Agricultural Committee Minutes

January 28, 2019

Call to order: 7:29pm

Roll Call: Lexi Gazy, Ed Gazy, Bob Owsiany, Ed Belinsky

Guests: John Soltanas, John Butwell, Steve Hayward, Basel Oleschuk, Rose East

Old Business:

Farmers Market: A Portolet is needed for the Farmers Market during operation per the PHD. A location is still to be found. The possibility of using the Town Hall will still be found.

Bob will present an advertising budget to the town.

Possible vendor: A1 PortoLet: 203 632-9878 Kav

Bob is going to contact Hanes about possibly moving the event to the Hanes Plaza. Objections followed of moving the event another time, causing lower numbers of visitors was noted.

Lexi submitted a Vendor Agreement Form to the group and proposed the dates from July 7th- October 27th. A conversation continued to discuss opening the event at an earlier date and the start date was changed to June 8th.

The topic of opening up the event to flea market vendors was discussed. The group is interested in growing the event but would like to limit it to homemade/grow farm products.

Ideas to attract business were then discussed. Weekly music, car shows, farm equipment shows, food trucks

Children's Garden:

Ed reported that Mrs. McGinnis has showed interest in supervising the garden project. Money is allocated to setup a stipend for the next three years to ensure success of the garden. Ed will contact Mrs. McGinnis and setup a meeting with Bob and Ed to discuss the future of the garden.

Ed will setup Nonnewaug student workers for care for the garden in the summer with supervision of the Master Gardeners.

The greenhouse needs to be reassembled and anchored to the ground.

New Business: None

Comments from the Floor:

Ed attended the Planning and Zoning public hearing regarding the proposed zone change to allow the sale of alcohol on Farm Wineries in town. He represented the committee by showing our support for the zone change.

Adjourned: 9:00pm

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