

Oxford Agricultural Committee Minutes
January 13, 2020

Call to order: 7:20pm

Roll Call: Bob Owsiany, Ed Belinsky, Lexi Gazy

Guests: Mike Bawlick, Betsy Helman, Rich Franzino, Regina DeMartin

Old Business: None

Farmers Market:

Lexi gave a report on the 2019 Farmers Market. The market was less successful as the previous year, but they still had a good year. She noted the success of the cooking demonstrations and still wants to grow the event. The relationship with the Arts and Culture Commission was also positive and added to the event. June 20th Oct 24th will be the dates of the 2020 Farmers Market. Rich suggested incorporating more of a live music component of the market. He volunteered to help with this effort with his experience promoting music. He suggested that a band should be scheduled at the first market of the year. Bob made a recommendation that Rich in conjunction with the Art and Culture Commission to be responsible for coordinating the bands to alleviate the responsibility from Lexi. Rich's contact information is (203) 521-5806. Mike Bawlick offered to bring a horse and buggy to give rides and support the event.

Children's Garden:

Leo Merkins sent a letter to the OAC with suggestions for next year. The largest issue is the need for fertilizer in the garden. Ed dropped off a load of manure in the Fall and Bob started adding it to the boxes. There is a work session scheduled Saturday June 15th to plant the remainder of the garden and continue with infrastructure work. Bob mentioned a need to come up with a better watering system. He recommended making a system out of PEX to solve this issue. Betsy (203) 233-3837 bhellman50@gmail.com volunteered to help at the garden this summer. She would like to volunteer 1 or 2 days a week and help with the responsibilities. Lexi researched the purchase a banner for the Children's Garden to identify the garden to the public. The group agreed to purchase the banner and Bob will look into finding funds.

New Business: None

Comments from the Floor:

None

Adjourned: 8:35pm

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