

Franklin Agricultural Commission
Meeting Minutes from October 30, 2023
(Hybrid Meeting)

In Attendance: Franklin Members Present: Roger Trahan, Marian Szymanski, and C.J. Koshivas. Also present: Ed Szymanski. Medway Members present: Kathy B, Paul A, and Roberta P. Holliston members Present: Diana P, Jen B, Nancy D, Cherrie H, and Shawn M.

1. Opening:

- A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm pm by Roger Trahan.
- B. Roll Call: Three members of the Franklin Agricultural Commission were present.
- C. The minutes of our September ^{25th} meeting were approved.

3. New Business:

A. 2023 Election: Roger Trahan announced that he will be leaving the Franklin Agricultural Commission as he has accepted a position on the Franklin Conservation Commission. The Franklin Agricultural Commission will hold an election at our next meeting on Monday, November 27, 2023 for a new Chairperson.

B. Agricultural Commission's role in Agricultural Promotion: The three local Agricultural Commissions discussed how they each promote agriculture in their towns. The Medway AgCom recently held a town-wide "Harvest Hop" in which residents were able to visit and tour 7 local farms. The town of Holliston has held a similar event called, "Farm Day". The town of Franklin is fortunate to have both a Summer Farmer's Market and a Winter Farmer's Market where residents can support local farms and make connections with local farmers.

C. Right to Farm Designation: Both the town of Medway and the town of Holliston are designated as “Right To Farm” communities. Both Commissions were able to offer guidance to the Franklin Agricultural Commission and their interest in becoming a Right To Farm community.

D. Future Plans: The Agricultural Commissions of Franklin, Holliston, and Medway will meet again, in Franklin, on February 26th, 2024, to collaborate on an agricultural event for the children in their communities. We would like to have many of our local farmers attend this meeting and help us to create a meaningful experience for our youth.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Minutes submitted by Marian Szymanski