

MERRIMACK AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
MINUTES
August 13, 2014

Chairman Bob McCabe called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Present were Cindy Warhola, Bob McCabe, Eber Currier, and Bess Parks.

- (a) **Farmer's Market Update:** There are 19 vendors at our Farmers' Market. We have a need for a new sign in front of Farmers' Market table. Eber moved to allocate \$100.00 for that sign, Bess Parks seconded. Vote was 4-0-0. Christine Lavoie will be our new Market Aide. A motion to reimburse Bob McCabe for \$15.00 for two tension springs passed 4-0-0. A new ad for more vendors will be placed in the Market Bulletin and Cindy will get it on Facebook. Bob McCabe will not be here for the Sept 3rd and 10th Markets. Tom Hanlon and Al Swenson will set up and clean up. Cindy Warhola will chair the next meeting on Sept. 10, 2014.
- (b) **Community Garden Update:** A lot of produce seems to be going to waste. Commissioner will speak to Gardeners for permission to pick excess produce and donate it to soup kitchens rather than have it go to waste.
- (c) **UNH extension classes:** There are still many meetings available and most of them are free. Sept. 8-9-10 there will be meetings on Pesticide training, turf training and line clearing training. Sept. 16 there will be a fruit and vegetable Twilight meeting in North Haverhill. A complete list and their locations and times can be found at extensionservice.unh.edu and for any questions you can find answers@unh.edu.
- (d) **Bug alert:** Late blight is back on potatoes and tomatoes – need a fungicide spray such as a copper spray before each rain. You can also send a picture of your crops or insects to UNH for advice. SWD fly is back, squash borer, corn borer – Bob is spraying every week for control. Eber says he has a lighter crop of apples this year.
- (e) **Summer Horse Care:** Bess talked about how important a good farrier is in caring for horse's feet. Sometimes need to have new shoes every 6-8 weeks.
- (f) **Treasurer's report:** Bess reports following numbers as of July 31, 2014 a; Farmer's Market – \$2454.18, Community Garden - \$2109.26 - making a total of \$4,563.44 . Eber will get the August totals to Bess before the next meeting on September 10, 2014.
- (g) Review draft minutes from July 9th, 2014: Cindy moved to accept them and Bess seconded. Vote was 4-0-0.

Bess moved to adjourn, Cindy seconded. Vote was 4-0-0. Adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Trudy Currier