

**Town of Lincoln**  
**Minutes of the Agriculture Commission Meeting**  
**Held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 via Zoom teleconference**

**Members Present:**

Voting: Louise Bergeron (co-chair), Ari Kurtz (co-chair), Lynne Bower, Nancy Bergen  
Alternate Voting: Sherry Haydock, Corey Nimmer, Karen Seo

**Members Absent:**

Voting: Ellen Raja  
Alternate Voting:

**Visitors:**

Linda Emanuel (voted to be invited to join Ag Comm)

**7:40 pm – Meeting commenced**

**Minutes**

April 2022 approved subject to discussed changes (unanimously)

**Budget discussion**

Our fiscal year ends 6/30/2022. We have \$6093 →2021 budget - \$250 for no-till workshop. We should keep in mind that the Ag Comm mission is to promote and support agriculture. We have 6 or 7 weeks left in which to decide where to allocate the remaining 2021-2022 money.

At the prior meeting, we discussed several options:

- Buy products from Lincoln farms for the local food bank
- Fund aa new farming concept such as the "One-bed Farm" to be discussed by Ari.
- Hire someone to help generate an Ag Comm Logo
- Hire someone to generate and print our Lincoln Farming pamphlet.

Another possibility would be to create a grant program for farmers in town.

We could use the motive of helping the food pantry to get people farming, i.e., backyard and small farms.

A subcommittee was formed of Ari, Karen, Lynne to discuss the options and present ideas to Ag Comm at next meeting.

Last year, the Food Project did not deliver the amount of food we expected; but there had been no agreement as to quantities or types of food. If we decide to again fund local farms to provide food to the food pantry, we need to put a written contract in place with each farm that specifies the kinds and quantities of food, arrangements for delivering the food, etc.

**\*\* 5/10/2021 Action item – Ari to contact Food Project re: results from last year.**

### Logo

Should we spend money on this?

**\* Decision** – Agreed to have a contest to create a logo for the Lincoln Ag Comm. There would be \$100 for the designer of the selected logo.

**\*\* 5/10/2021 Action item** – Sherry to write ad (for Lincoln Talk and The Squirrel) announcing contest to create a logo for the Lincoln Ag Comm and offering a \$100 prize.

**\*\* 5/10/2021 Action item** – Louise to send ag comm email address to Sherry and everyone

### Farming news

Should/could we publish monthly/periodic news flashes, e.g., take turns or whatever to generate news blurbs?

**\*\* 5/10/2021 Action item** – Sherry to check with Pete Lowery re: his arrangement for generating the Codman newsletter

### Ag Comm Brochure update

**\*\* 5/10/2021 Action item** – Karen to resend farmer list and contact info and get going on generating a message to farmers asking whether they wish to be included in a list of Lincoln farms on the Ag Comm web page and if yes, for current information.

### Farming related videos

**\*\* 5/10/2021 Action item** – Corey to think of whether/how he might be compensated for making AgComm video

**\*\* 5/10/2021 Action item** – Corey to contact Thomas Flint re: completing the maple syrup video

### Ag Comm new member

**\*\* 5/10/2021 Action item** – Linda to send her biographic information to Louise as part of her application to be a member of the Ag Comm.

### Social media

Maybe we should hire someone to help the Ag Comm with social media, e.g., Ag Comm's web page, Twitter account, etc.

**9:06pm – Meeting adjourned.**