



# TOWN OF BERKLEY MASSACHUSETTS

## AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

1 NORTH MAIN STREET  
BERKLEY, MA 02779

Board Meeting Minutes:

6:00pm Assessor's office

Agricultural Commission meeting February 6, 2025

**Members present:** George Faria, Angela Young, Ed Harmon, Harry Harmon, Lisa Tetreault, Aaron Fernandes

**Members absent:** Thomas Fernandes

**Meeting called to order** by George at 6:03pm

### **Accept Minutes of 1/23/25 meeting**

Members were provided a copy of the meeting minutes via email prior to the meeting. Ed motioned to accept the minutes as written, second Aaron. All in favor. None opposed

### **Update on Soil Review**

Lisa sent Ed the email received from AppGeo. Ed went onto the links provided in email and needs to reach out to the person who sent them. Lisa said she mentioned that if we needed an overlay she could do it and get the price. Ed needs the parcel map with the lines for the soil overlay. Ed will go more into depth with the sender when he contacts them.

On another note an email was received just prior to this meeting from Al Averill, Certified soil specialist from the USDA. In his email he is, "facilitating the recognition of land that is suited for crop production in addition to that classed in the USDA Soil Survey information as important farmland soils. The USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is funding this initiative to help ensure these lands can be considered for federal and state farmland preservation funding." He essentially would help facilitate getting soil of importance for the town. Ed will contact him and provide updates at the next meeting.

### **Funding/Account type (non-profit, grants etc.)**

George reports he has a few people that said they had stuff for him regarding non profit information. These were books that made no sense to George. George attempted to take a ride to the local farm bureau but was unable to find it. George was sent to a residence and not a business. George reached out to a lawyer he knows who will contact him tomorrow. There are two types of non-profit forms. 1023 and 1023EZ. Filing fee for EZ is \$275. \$900 through lawyer. George will look into this more. George does not understand why we need a "friends" to manage money. We're more interested in "donation" rather than "sale". George will get more information. Fire department has done it.

### **T-Shirts**

George reported the check was delivered. George has not heard from Amy so he will reach out.

### **Plaques**

George reported Amy has not reached out so George will contact her for an update.

### **FB page update**

George had made a post. Harry was able to approve it and it posted to the page no problem. Lisa went on and the only confusion she had was to see who has joined the page. Facebook is now breaking down member into categories. It had nothing to do with the page itself. Otherwise page was user friendly and she could see it all.

**Public Input** – none

Lisa motioned to end the meeting at 6:34pm. Harry second. All in favor, none opposed. Next meeting to be 2.27.25 in the assessor's office.

**Minutes by: Angela Young**

*Angela Young RN*