



# TOWN OF BERKLEY MASSACHUSETTS

## AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

1 NORTH MAIN STREET  
BERKLEY, MA 02779

Board Meeting Minutes:

6:00pm Assessor's office

Agricultural Commission meeting March 27, 2025

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

**Members absent:** Thomas Fernandes and Lisa Teatreault

**Meeting called to order** by George at 6:16pm

### **Accept Minutes of 3/13/25 meeting**

Members were provided a copy of the meeting minutes via email prior to the meeting. Ed made a motion to accept the minutes Aaron second, Harry abstain as he was not at the last meeting. All in favor. None opposed.

### **Update on Soil Review**

Ed spoke to his other contact regarding the soil review. He stated he can't do anything for us at this time due to there being no current funding. If we currently want to do this we will have to fund it ourselves. Going to hold on this at this time.

### **Non-profit status**

George has a lawyer going to do the work for us. He will get the EIN number for us. With the EIN the "friends" can open a bank account which we need to have to do the 1023 EZ form. Needs name, address phone etc. George has a 2pm appt with the lawyer on Tuesday.

Aaron said Mark, his cousin, will be chair of the "friends". George said Ann Marie Rapoza said to call Rodrigues farm. Ms. Rodrigues will be secretary per George. She does not know how long or often she can do it but she agreed. Bryan, friend of Harry, will be the treasurer.

### **T-Shirts**

Kids t's are \$10 per shirt. They come in standard kids sizes. XS-4/5, S 6/8, M 10/12, L 14/16. Ed asked if there was a minimum order. George stated no. George said we had a \$132 balance with Amy. After plaque we should have \$218. In previous notes the balance is \$218. After some discussion it was decided to hold on the kids t's for now.

### **Plaques**

Amy can work with sizing. It is about 14 characters per line and up to 3 lines but more definite info will be obtained.

### **Signs**

George will order 6 signs.

### **Facebook**

Discussion was had about making the facebook page more active. Angela suggested a meet your member segment of which Angela will write up and post. Aaron made a motion to accept the idea. Harry second, all in favor, none opposed. Other ideas from Harry is that we can put a calendar of what to plant when. Ed suggested a tractor photo contest. Angela mentioned farm of the month ad or a day of the month when local farm business can post their own business for advertisements. Harry and Aaron are going to work on more ideas while Angela starts work on the meet your members. George will be our first member.

**Public Input** – Ed stated that the lottery system mentioned last meeting for the Ag schools had to meet two qualifications. You cannot miss more than 27 days of school and be a convicted felon. It is in the public input stage and you can contact Kelly Dooner.

With no further discussion Ed motion to adjourn at 6:45PM. George second. All in favor.

**Minutes by: Angela Young**

*Angela Young RN*