

Agricultural Commission Minutes 4/18/24

CALL TO ORDER at 2:08 pm by Constable

Attending Members: Posie Constable, Jacob Tinkhauser.

Remote Members: Pamela Perun, Kelly Steffen.

Absent Members: Charity Benz.

MINUTES

Motion to approve the Agcom Minutes of March 21, 2024. (Tinkhauser)

Unanimous

Discussion of how to raise awareness of pests, diseases, and invasive

- Tinkhauser: Nantucket farmers, homeowners, and landowners face a range of current and potential pests, diseases, and invasives. However, there's no centralized place to find information on these.
- Constable: Potentially make online resource for this information
- Constable: Will reach out to Concom commissioner Engelbourg
- Steffen: Is there a location for farmers to share information?
- Constable: Not presently, but should be created
- Constable: Proposes review of agcom town page

Discussion of Nantucket Land Bank 4/17/24 meeting

- Constable: Land Bank has made significant amounts of land available for farming
- Constable: Land Bank commissioners approved including deer fencing, electricity, and irrigation on all agricultural properties. Land Bank commissioners also increased agricultural land license length from 5 years to 10 years.
- Constable: Land Bank looking to hire dedicated agricultural staff member
- Constable: Nantucket needs space for non-conventional agriculture

Discussion of Composter visit with ReMain

- Constable: ReMain is looking into composter to process food waste from their food establishments

Discussion of 4H Club

- Constable: No updates

Discussion of Island Fair

- Constable: Island Fair is now a not-for-profit, important event, needs help
- Tinkauser: Add honey judging event

Discussion of Process First ag infrastructure report

- Steffen: Report to be released in the next month

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 2:52 pm (Steffen)

Unanimous