

AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

Town of Dudley, MA

Est. 2019



Dudley Agricultural Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes of September 7, 2023
Dudley Municipal Complex | 7:00pm

In attendance:

Victor Kallgren
Lanette Leper
Linda Lorkiewicz
Katie Rozenas-Hanson

Meeting began at 7:03 pm with a call to order by Chairwoman Linda Lorkiewicz. Group stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reviewed minutes from June 2023 meeting, Linda made a motion to approve the minutes and Katie seconded the motion. All in favor.

Apple Festival/Dudley Ag Day will be on September 30, 2023 at the Grange. We will have a table with pumpkin decorating. Victor will bring his tractor for touch a tractor and we will have a photo setup with mums, bales of hay, pumpkins and a scarecrow. Unsure if we will be able to get seeds and we currently don't have funds remaining to pay for postage for soil samples. We will see if anyone comes with a soil sample and take it from there. Katie will reach out to local businesses to see if they are able to donate seeds. Linda will buy the pumpkins from Runnings.

We will reach out to the Selectman's Office to see if Kerry Cyganiewicz can attend our next meeting. Once the town meeting has come, we will see if we can get our \$1,500 annual budget passed. We are hoping to make that part of the town budget, so we don't have to ask for it at town meeting every year.

Linda applied for a Mass Cultural Coalition grant through the state for \$2,500 and we did receive the money. We can use the money for programming and hosting promotional events. We will come up with a plan for some events to hold in the spring.

We have a new APR Coordinator from MDAR-Tyler Maikath. Linda has reached out to ask if he would be interested in coming to speak at an upcoming meeting.

Linda and Katie will begin working on the agricultural recommendation pamphlet for livestock and poultry, once we speak with Kerry.

We will have our next meeting on October 3, 2023 at 7pm.

Katie made a motion to adjourn our meeting at 8:10 pm and Lanette seconded the motion. All in favor and motion passes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Katie Rozenas-Hanson
Secretary