

**Town of Sandwich
Agriculture Commission
Minutes
June 23, 2022**

Present: Cara Sutherland, Dick Devens, Rich Masta

Not present: Holly Cook, Maggie Porter, Joanne Haight, Selectperson

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm by Cara.

Minutes: Dick moved to accept the June 9, 2022 minutes as written, Cara seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Treasurer Report: \$500 is available

Business Meeting:

Those present discussed the idea of a Sandwich-based town-wide farm tour and the idea of holding it before the Sandwich Fair. The model could be similar to that of the annual maple weekend where participants had a map and then traveled on their own to each site. The Historical Society could possibly serve as the beginning point and place where the maps could be obtained, as well as an introduction to the community's agricultural history. Committee members are interested and will explore what other towns are doing with this "open farm day" concept.

The idea of cooking classes based on cost-efficient ingredients was discussed. Would need to find a place with a commercial kitchen (perhaps the Methodist or the Baptist churches could serve as a host site) and solicit instructors. Would Carroll County 4H like to collaborate on an idea such as this?

Rich suggested that it would be great to have information on farm stands in the town of Sandwich. Is this something the Sandwich business group could assist with by listing info on the "Discover Sandwich" website?

The committee continue to explore how to offer a farmer's market given insurance issues and other organizational needs. Could this be of interest to the newly invigorated North Sandwich store?

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 25, 2022 at 4:00 pm.

Dick moved to adjourn, Cara seconded the motion, all present voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 5:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cara Sutherland, Acting Secretary