

Auburn Natural Products and Agriculture Working Group

Minutes: 10 25 22 Approved: 11 29 2022

Location: Auburn Hall

Recorder: Dave Griswold

Staff attending: Eric Cousins

Attending: Dave Griswold, Bill Sylvester, Kathy Shaw, Chris Carson, Pam Rousseau, Ed Michaud, Joe Gray

Excused: Katie Boss, David Bell

Absent: None

Guests: Julie Harper, Good Food Council, Lewiston-Auburn, Camile Parrish, Councilor Whiting

Call to Order: 6:07 pm

Public Participation: None

1. Julia Harper, Good Food Council Lewiston-Auburn gave a presentation highlighting work to identify benchmark city ordinances concerning Farm stands, animals, farmers markets etc. Also discussed surveys of 500 Lewiston and Auburn citizens about interest in urban agriculture. Interest in composting, canning, hoop greenhouses, fruit trees and honey bees. Slide deck attached separately.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** 8 30 22 and 9 27 Minutes held for November meeting.
3. **Discussion:** Council resolution re income requirement in the Ag Zone and strip zoning; SNRB involvement with Planning Board review of same; LD 2003

New Business: Kathy informed the group that a new farmer is getting established on the Sopers Mill Road

Action Items: None

Next meetings: Nov 29

Pending agenda items:

1. Local ag position paper discussion
2. Royal River Land Trust designation of key areas in Auburn
3. Producer survey- Farmed acres and value of product

4. Food Sovereignty Law
5. Good Food Council of L-A to discuss urban agriculture opportunities.
6. Maine Farmland Trust Easement presentation

Adjourned: 7:52 PM