

## **Auburn Natural Products and Agriculture Working Group**

Minutes: 5 30 23 Approved: 6 27 23

**Location:** Auburn Senior Center

**Recorder:** Dave Griswold

**Staff attending:** -

**Attending:** Dave Griswold, Kathy Shaw, Joe Gray, David Bell, Ed Michaud Chris Carson

**Excused:** Pam Rousseau, Chelsea Eaton, Michelle Malagnaro

**Absent:** Katie Boss

**Guests:** NA

**Call to Order:** 6:11 pm

**Public Participation:** None

1. **Minutes:** 3 27 2023 minutes were approved.
2. FYI- DACF 5 9 23 PFAS report just published.
3. Land Use Forum was a success. Plan to repeat March 2024. Perhaps with signup, small fee and lunch.
4. Ag Zone Income requirement alternative moving forward. Planning Board will discuss on 6 6. Encourage attendance. Pre meeting on 6 4 at high tunnel location at 2:30, including picnic.

### **New Business:**

1. Discussion of Work Plan
  - a. Explore 4H options for Auburn. Joe will check with Turner. Gorham?
  - b. Land Use Forum completed and planned for 3 24
  - c. Project with Bates? Determine topics.
  - d. Complete work on mapping project, 30 farms and 150 parcels to date. Present to Council?
  - e. PAL connection?
  - f. School Department discussions?

- g. Need for processing facilities to improve markets. Potential to partner with Good Shepard?
- h. Community Gardens; engage users at gardens during summer meetings?

**Action Items: None**

**Next meetings:** June 27

**Pending agenda items:**

1. Community Gardens
2. Selection of 2023 officers, Chair and Secretary
3. 2023 Work Plan development

**Adjourned:** 7:20 PM