

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

Minutes: 6 28 22 Approved: 8 30 22

**Location:** Auburn Senior Center

**Recorder:** Dave Griswold

**Staff attending:** Rosemary Mosher

**Attending:** Dave Griswold, Bill Sylvester, Kathy Shaw, Chris Carson, Pam Rousseau, David Bell, Ed Michaud, Katie Boss, Joe Gray

**Excused:**

**Absent:** None

**Guests:**

**Call to Order:** 6:14 pm

**Public Participation:** None

1. **Approval of Minutes:** 5 31 22 Minutes approved.
2. **GIS Update by Rosemary Mosher:** Rosemary presented progress to date on our efforts using Quick Capture app to take photos and location data of agriculture activities in Auburn. We need to capture more photos, including solar and golf, and provide descriptions of them. Aerial photos are being updated using the April 2022 flyover. Rosemary will use US cropland / cropscape data to see about compiling crop types in Auburn, time permitting. GIS system can be used through Access Auburn / Advanced Parcel Viewer. Add data option allows selection of layers.
3. **SNRB meeting Prep:** Bill and Kathy will develop a list of items we have been working on to update the SNRB at its' quarterly meeting on 7 14.
4. **National Ag trends that could impact Auburn:** Kathy, Dave and Kathy will meet in July to develop information about trends in National Agriculture driven by water shortages in the West, climate change and transportation costs. A list of potential actions the City could take to promote local agricultural products will be developed for discussion.
5. **Speakers:** Pam is working on a speaker on Crazy Worms for the August meeting

**New Business:** None

**Action Items:**

1. Collect photos and descriptions for GIS project. Joe and others
2. Prep for SNRB meeting. Bill and Kathy
3. Develop "local Ag" white paper for discussion. Kathy, Dave, Katie

**Next meetings:** Aug 30; Sep 27

**Pending agenda items:**

1. Crazy Worm presentation
2. Local ag white paper discussion
3. Royal River Land Trust designation of key areas in Auburn
4. Craft a vision for agriculture in Auburn and share with community
5. Producer survey- Farmed acres and value of product
6. Food Sovereignty Law
7. Good Food Council of L-A to discuss urban agriculture opportunities.
8. Maine Farmland Trust Easement presentation

**Adjourned:** 7:55 PM