

## Natural Products and Agriculture Working Group

Meeting Location: City Hall, Room 204

Date: Thursday, April 23rd, 2026

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**Members in attendance:** Kathy Shaw, Dave Griswold, Chris Carson, Grant Roberts, Chloe Meyers

**Staff in attendance:** Planning Board Member Sam Peikes

**Guests:** Chelsea Eaton presenting “Dark Skies”

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**Call to Order :** **Approve last months Minutes: Yay or Nay**

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**Old Business :** “Farm Crawl”, logistics of hosting a long-term event across Auburn, Farm Tour Day Sunday July 26th (time TBD), same date as Maine Open Farm Day. *Create an updated map of Auburn’s farmstands and farm stores that welcome the public, flyer form and online with details about Auburn’s Farm Tour day.*

**New Business: Planning** Staff Sam Peikes Farm Plans

Chelsea Eaton - “Dark Skies”

Chloe Meyers - Update on East Auburn Community School gardens  
Machino’s lumber quote \$40 per each 3’x6’x16” raised bed + ~\$100 hardware, requesting 10 beds total. Wil Libby, of Evergreen Outdoor Ed and the Land Lab (in the forest behind school) volunteering the labor to construct beds on the land between parking lot and ball field with wildflower gardens on hillside leading up to beds. Project to continue next year to build a bigger garden directly between playground and classrooms, Stephanie Broido of GFCLA will write a grant seeking bigger funding. Teachers, Mrs. Beecey and Ms.Bowie, have mentioned a lot of PTA interest/buy-in/volunteer help for gardens from parents **\$500 total donation request**

**May 1st** Farmer Potluck hosted by GFCLA at Auburn Library, all are welcome

**Recap on ASWCD Local Working Group Meeting**

**Date:** Tuesday, April 21st

**Time:** 9:00-12:00am