



## AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION VIRTUAL MEETING

**Minutes of September 14th, 2021  
6:30 PM**

Commission Members participating were Martha Morrison, Megan Brown, Stacey Apple, Kindra Clineff, Nora Neale, and Greg Mellinger. Trudi Perry was absent.

Chairman Morrison read the following announcement:

*“Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting will be conducted via remote means. Members of the public who wish to watch or listen to the meeting may do so in the following manner: Video conference (see log-in information below.) No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the Topsfield website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting. The meeting is being recorded via ZOOM. Is there anyone else present who wishes to record the meeting?”*

She then opened the meeting at 6:30.

### **Old Business**

As an initial step in generating a work plan, Greg Mellinger had sent members a goals and objectives spreadsheet to solicit ideas. The greater part of the meeting was a discussion of these ideas. Please see the attached spreadsheet, Topsfield Ag Commission '21 Planning September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021, for details of the discussion.

### **New Business**

The Tomato Festival was a great success. The Agricultural Commission might take a larger role in organizing the Festival in 2022. It was determined that the Commission could help organize the farms and organizations but could not manage the other components such as music, games, and food. The success of the Farmers' Market was noted in particular. The Commission will be considering how often a Farmers' Market could be held in Topsfield.

**Adjourned at???**

APPROVED 10.19.2021

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