

MINUTES

Members Present:	S. Sterns (Chair), D. Dorfer , C. Kueffner, J. Emenheiser, A. Eitland
Members Absent:	E. Hall, M. Tindall, L. Trovato
Guest Present:	Joy Tyler, Gown Connected
Staff Present:	J. Kaufman, Senior Planner/Inland Wetlands Agent

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Stearns called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. A. Eitland is seated for absent members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Emenheiser MOVED, Kueffner seconded approval of the January 11, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Motion PASSED unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPOINTMENT OF PERMANENT SECRETARY

Kueffner agreed to serve as secretary for the current meeting. Committee still needs a volunteer for a permanent secretary to take minutes at the meeting.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Alex Eitland was welcomed and Joe Emenheiser was acknowledged as a full member.

NEW BUSINESS

A. UConn Extension's Grown ConNECTed project

Joy Tyler, Project Outreach Coordinator for UConn Extension Service gave a presentation on Grown ConNECTed. The goal is to increase direct (local) farmer-to-consumer consumption.

OLD BUSINESS

A. 2022 FARMERS FORUM

Kaufman shared a draft agenda. Committee discussed the items. The date is currently set for Tuesday, April 19 at 7 PM.

B. Mansfield Grown Brochure

The brochure is in progress.

C. Communication and Outreach Initiatives

Kaufman reported on and shared a spreadsheet showing topics and suggested channels for communication developed with Margaret Chatey. Eitland brought up the possibility of a complementary podcast.

D. Taste of Mansfield

Kaufmann reported that Taste of Mansfield is working with the Economic Development Commission to create an award for promoting the Taste of Mansfield mission. The Agriculture committee needs to provide a delegate for this selection committee. Dorfer reported she attended the recent partner meeting.

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

It was noted that the Stafford Regional Meeting will be on April 13. Kueffner said he was available to attend. Also noted was Kueffner was hosting an event at his property, the Storrs Adventure Park on Sunday, 4/24 at 1 pm.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting is on May 10, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

Emenheiser moved and Dorfer seconded a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by C. Kueffner, Acting Secretary