

ASHFORD AGRICULTURE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, January 19, 2023

7:30 p.m.

Town Hall Room 112

Minutes

1. **Call to Order**
 - a. Call to order at 7:35
2. **Seating of Alternates**
 - a. Members Present – L. Brauch, M. Brauch, D. Jenne, N. Weinstock
 - b. Seat Meg Brauch for Mike Sibiga, Nick Weinstock for Paul Varga
3. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. November 17, 2022
 - i. D. Jenne Move to accept, M. Brauch Second, Unanimous approval
4. **Hear from Public**
 - a. None
5. **Communications**
 - a. None
6. **Chairman's briefing**
 - a. OTOF meetings
 - b. Farm Bureau Presentation
 - c. Upcoming POCD revision
7. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. Membership
 - i. N. Weinstock Moves to recommend to the BOS that Joe Murphy be appointed to the Agriculture Commission as a full member, M. Brauch second, Unanimous approval.
 - b. Tax abatements as submitted to BOS
 - i. Discussion indicates that the Commission needs to review the previous work on this topic before taking any actions.
8. **New Business:**
 - a. Member initiatives
 - i. N. Weinstock is volunteering to lead the team through the right to farm ordinance. This will be added to the February agenda.
 - ii. Discussion regarding a communication strategy.
 - b. Meeting schedule 2023

i. M. Brauch Moves to keep meetings on third Thursdays of each month, N Weinstock Seconds, Unanimous approval.

c. Election of officers

i. Nominations for Secretary at a future meeting.

d. Review of Agriculture Commission Ordinance

9. Round table discussion

10. Action item assignments

a. L. Brauch to send out attachments for tax abatements

b. N. Weinstock will set up a google group for the AAC so that emails do not get rejected.

c. L. Brauch To write to BOS for nomination of Joe Murphy to the Commission

d. M. Brauch to do FFA outreach with EOS

11. Adjourn

a. D. Jenne Moves to adjourn, N. Weinstock seconds, Unanimous approval

Luther Brauch

Chairman

Ashford Agriculture Commission