

Town of Canandaigua

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Canandaigua, N. Y. 14424
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Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Monday, April 4, 2019

Meeting Called by:	Mark Stryker, Chair
Committee Members:	Mark Stryker, Chair Ray Henry, Recording Secretary Bob DiCarlo, Vice Chair Gary Davis Fernando Soberon
Committee Member Absent:	Tim Riley Gary Jones
Town Representatives:	Doug Finch Sarah Reynolds
Guests:	Marci Diehl, Author Amy Morrissey, Cooperative Extension Todd Fowler, Canandaigua School District

Privilege of the Floor

Sarah reviewed the "Comprehensive Plan" meeting. It was well attended. There is a core group made up of several groups representing Town communities. The core group appears on the Town Website.

Old Business

Todd Fowler report

New York State has agreed to offset the endeavors in the Schools to use local farm products after December. Todd is planning on at least one meal per week using 100% local farm products. It was an amount that was discouraging. In lieu of receiving as much as they had hoped from the State (30% lunch room budget must be spent on local products in order to receive a higher payback from the State. Currently the

default is \$0.06 per \$1.00. If the school district can meet the 30% requirement, they will receive \$0.25 per \$1.00). Todd is not sure they can meet the 30%.

Planning on getting together regularly with local agricultural meetings. A couple of Grants "came across his desk recently about growing some stuff".

Doug: "Most local "Kids" are most interested in fast foods".

Todd: " Kids eat with their eyes".

Waste stream diversion - Sarah will put Todd in touch with Kaitlynn about this!

Amy Morissey report

Agriculture in the classroom - Amy has books for classroom reading - 2nd grade.

Monroe Tractor is putting on a beginning farmer workshop on 4/27/19 (tractor safety and other general farming practicalities).

Fun on the Farm is September 21 at the Minns's farm in Stanley. The Town will promote it on Facebook.

Amy has offered help with the ag. at recreation in July.

She can provide us with contacts for a vet for a day camp presentation too!

New Business

Sarah discussed opportunities for the Ag Committee to participate in the Summer Day Camp program. The City recreation department that manages the schedule has come up with some successive dates and times. July 19th was decided upon for a homemade ice cream demonstration at Onanda Park. August 7th was decided on for Baker Park – Mark Stryker will provide a large tractor. It was suggested a Waterloo Boy (old John Deere) also could be included.

Ontario County Fair ideas

We have decided to have the Town of Canandaigua's Agricultural Committee Meeting at the County Fair!!!! July 25th at 6pm.

There will be a ribbon cutting in early September for Miller Park. There have been many people coming from all over for bird watching. There was a discussion that this event would be a good time to promote agriculture. Perhaps there could be a tractor there.

There was a brief discussion about a ribbon cutting for the new dog park as well. There

is no date set for that yet. Places like PetCo, Salty Dog, and Tractor Supply should be invited as sponsors.

Members' Reports - None

Adjournment and Next Meeting Schedule

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30PM. The next meeting will be in the Town Highway Garage (Genundewah) Conference Room at 6:00 PM on May 4, 2019.

Ray Henry, Recording Secretary