

**Lancaster Agricultural Commission Meeting
Minutes April 10, 2023**



Location: Lancaster Community Center

Attendees:

Eric Jakubowicz
Susan Miner
Maria Moreira
Steven Mudgett

Guests:

Lisa Engel
Ralph Gifford

7:00 p.m. Approved Minutes March 6, 2023

Finance Update – Susan Miner did not get an update on our regular fund, Cheryl had just responded to the Scholarship Fund, she will contact her for next meeting.

Scholarship Discussion – Sue contacted Finance and confirmed funds were available and had application form posted on Website on Ag. Com. Page. Maria Moreira sent form to Nashoba Regional High School Tim Castner. Steven Mudgett will contact Minuteman Vocational School for a contact to send the application form to.

Chapter 61A Discussion – Eric Jakubowicz and Susan Miner gave an overview of what we have been discussing for our guests in Peter Jakubowicz's absence. We have been identifying 61A Land in Town that would be considered good agricultural land to purchase if in fact it was available.

PFAS – Forever Chemicals – Lancaster Ag. Com. does not recommend sludge/pellets on fields, however, State still approves the use of sludge/pellets on fields. The State changed the guidelines/levels that can exist in soil/wells, therefore, there is a lot of attention on this as we have been hearing in Westminster.

New Business – Ralph Gifford asked Ag. Com. if there are farmers willing to farm more land in Lancaster? Eric Jakubowicz and Maria Moreira thought there is still a need for more farm land in Lancaster. Ralph Gifford also mentioned there is some property at Eagle Ridge under a flexible zoning bylaw that was set aside for farming. Susan Miner asked about the State Property on Old Common Road as in the past it was farmed, Eric Jakubowicz stated there are no contracts out for that property.

8:00 p.m. Adjourned