Approved Minutes - 5/6/2021 (Approved 10/5/2021)
Weston Agricultural Commission

In attendance
3 current Members YetMing Chang, Avery Chaplin, Diana Chaplin.
Public in attendance: Pam Hess, Julie Hyde, Carol Burnes, Jeri Ikeda
Call to order at 2:00pm
No Citizens Comments were made
Discussion of Right to Farm
3 acre minimum discussion
Fill the two vacant positions on the Ag Com
Farm Updates

Gun Club Farm
20 laying hens
3 Beehives, 2 were lost over this past winter
Hawks and Owls are primary predators of laying hens
When chickens are attacked by Owls their heads are missing
New Queen bee seller called Bee Weaver out of Georgia

Land’s Sake Farm Update
Land’s Sake Farm is expanding farm and building a barn
New Farm Manager Brendan Murtha
Priorities are soil health and composting
Manure has been acquired by Beechwood Stables and a farm in Concord
Only using organic practices
52 gallons of maple sugar produced in 2021 Season, 10 gallons more than 2020
Hot peppers have been moved to pick your own section of farm
Multiple beds of a few varieties instead of a few beds of multiple varieties of hot peppers and Kale
Maintain poundage and reduce farmed acreage
One month away from farm stand opening
# of CSA shares reduced to 290 small, large and winter

Wellington Farm renamed Gateways Farm in 2019.
Now being farmed by Waltham Fields Community Farm producing food for hunger relief
Last year fields were fallow
This year there is a plan to plant cover crops but no food crops
West side of farm sharing resources such as propane and fans with Land’s Sake Farm
Greenhouse out of commission because of energy resource costs, and environmental impact relative to production output was not economical
Horses currently being boarded.
Lamb was born at sister, Nina Danforth’s Weston property today
3 Oaks Farm of Weston  
Growing blueberries and doberries  
Looking for farmer to farm fields  
Shared maple grove with Land’s Sake Farm for syrup collection  
Tractor is up and running in preparation for spring farm activities  

Love Lane Honey Farm  
5 Hives with only one making it through last winter  
Bees that died left behind plenty of honey so it is thought they were not hungry. Bee bodies  
have been sent out for testing  
This spring planted 150 lbs of organic pasture and pollinator grass seed for grazing animals and honey bees  
Goat arrival planned for later this month  

Hoping to get the Viles Farm and Elliston Farm involved  

Carter Farm report. Continued haying of fields. Farm is within a half mile of Gun Club Farm  

Avery Chaplin is the newly elected commission chair  

Once a quarter Meetings  

August 6th next meeting