GOSHEN AGRICULTURE COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, March 26, 2025

Attendees: Clint Thorn, George Motel, Janelle Carroll, Hope Thorn, Seth Breakell and Alternate Suzanne Rinaldi.

Absent: Tom Breor, Andrea Loomis and Alternate Mary Tracy

Others present: Lyndon Thorn, George Motel IV, Bob Mola and First Selectman Todd Carusillo

Clint Thorn called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. He introduced Bob Mola, the new owner of the old Miranda Vineyard.

Clint Thorn stated that we are awaiting the arrival of the First Selectman so first discussion was the Farm Tour. Traditionally the farm tour has been held in conjunction with the 4-H fair but some farms were not able to participate because of their involvement with the Fair. If anyone wants to participate that has not in the past please reach out to be put in the flyer. George Motel moved that the Farm Tour be held in the last weekend of July. Seconded by Hope Thorn. Passed unanimously.

Give Local will be held on April 29th – 30th and application and approval has been received to participate again. Hope Thorn will send out a script that members will be able to e-mail or post on social media. There are extra points given for the number of contributors and a couple of times we received those points which have ended up with a "bonus" contribution.

Clint Thorn started discussion on the Hay land on East Street South. Todd Carusillo arrived at 6:40 to partake in the discussion. Mr. Thorn stated that the Board of Selectmen reached out to the Ag Council about the land and asked for recommendations. Goshen Farmer's were spoken to. The criteria that was suggested to the Ag Council to be eligible was:

- **Goshen Farmer**
- **No money would exchange hands <u>BUT</u> the farmer will need to provide 50 small square bales of hay to the Public Works for mulch. (does not need to be off the field may be old hay or off another field)**
- **Determine a length of time that the farmer would have use of the land, as fertilizer is costly and to utilize the land properly to get as much yield as possible the farmer will need to fertilize.**
- **Insurance will need to be provided to the Town**
- **Hedgerow will need to be kept back by the farmer**

The council decided that it would be best to have a farmer hay the field for a term of six years, the person that had it would then be eligible to put their name back into the hat if they so choose to. If something should happen and the farmer is unable to hay the field then it would be upto the farmer to have someone else hay the field in their absence.

Four Goshen Farmer's expressed interest. Those were Ryan Pepin, George Motel, Janelle Carroll and Chase Jesperson. Names where written on paper and placed in a hat. Todd Carusillo drew the names and Janelle Carroll won the lease.

Hope Thorn made a motion to adjourn at 6:48 PM seconded by Seth Breakell.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara L Breor

Barbara Breor, Secretary Pro-tem

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Attest

asst. Goshen Town Clerk