

Egremont Ag Commission Meeting Minutes January 18th, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 7:03

Peter Maggio, Elizabeth Keen, Sarah Love and Carla Turner present

Minutes from July 11th were approved

We welcomed new member Sarah Love

Sarah told us a bit about herself and connection to agriculture

Discussion re-opened concerning Bee Pollinators

Talked about contacting Emerson Martin coming to speak on the subject with the possibility of compensation. It was decided that we will continue with the newsletter articles concerning the town wide promotion of bees. Carla voiced that she would rather the board take the approach of the subject more on a positive note what can the homeowner do to improve bee life rather than the constant bashing of farmers. Also wondered if the town roadways could don bee and butterfly attracting plants rather than weeds as that would address both the complaints of the roadside poison ivy as well as the thistle. Was not resolved if or when to have Emerson come although we were looking towards July as a possible time.

The board is considering using the group One Eg in offering a program concerning the bees as one of their town projects. Suggested speakersí again Emerson Martin and also UMASS extension or Cornell ext. in Claverack, NY. Carla will speak to One Eg at the meeting 2/15/18.

Newsletter

Elizabeth will write letter and Peter will edit it.

No new business

Meeting adjourned 7:55

Next meeting is scheduled for March 22