

**MINUTES**  
**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Mason Library – History Room**  
**231 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA 01230**  
**Friday April 7, 2017, 3:00 PM**

1. The Meeting was called to order at 3:03pm  
Present: Members: Devan Arnold, Laury Epstein, Michael Maguire, Vivian Orłowski
2. Review and Approval of Minutes: Laury Epstein moved to approve the Minutes from February 16.  
Devan Arnold Seconded the motion. Vote: 4 – 0 to approve
3. Old Business
  - a. Agricultural Commission Membership – Welcome to new members Meryl Joseph and Michael Maguire appointed by Selectboard on March 27 to terms ending June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2019.
  - b. Pollinator-Friendly Community Resolution–Outreach
    - Discussed upcoming 2017 Williamstown Town Meeting Warrant Article based on the Pollinator-Friendly Community Resolution passed by 2016 Great Barrington Town Meeting
    - Discussed State Legislation on Pollinator Protection – Support of hearings for H. 2113 *An Act to Protect Massachusetts Pollinators*. Outreach to North County constituents of Rep. Gail Cariddi, (House Chair of the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture).
    - Discussed community outreach through schools and libraries as well as letters to the editor on pollinator-friendly practices and future column by Laury Epstein. Vivian Orłowski moved and Michael Maguire seconded motion to donate to BHRSD School libraries at MMRHS, MVRMS, MBRES and Great Barrington Town Libraries to purchase pollinator-related educational materials for school library and instruction, primarily selected from list of recommended publications and films. Vote: 4 – 0 to approve
    - Discussed requesting Town of Great Barrington to purchase design services and materials to install a pollinator-friendly, low-maintenance landscape demonstration site at Town Hall with signage and handouts/web content. Devan Arnold moved and Laury Epstein second motion to request carry over of Agricultural Commission Budget for FY2017 to FY 2018 in order to have sufficient resources for this project. Vote: 4 – 0 to approve.
4. New Business:
  - a. Agricultural Commission at Town Meeting  
Discussed role of Agricultural Commission at Town Meeting in support of solar bylaw and in support of non-GMO resolution. Devan Arnold Motioned and Laury Epstein seconded motion to support both these initiatives. Vote: 4 – 0 to approve.

Vivian Orłowski moved to adjourn. Michael Maguire seconded the motion. Vote: 4 – 0 to approve.  
Meeting adjourned at 4:41pm.