

## Ag Com Approved Meeting Minutes 2/7/2023

No citizen comments.

Reviewed and approved meeting minutes from Dec 13, 2022.

Met new potential Ag Com members: Derek Hui and Joe Dwyer. Joe Dwyer has lived in Weston for 2 years and is interested in Ag Com because he believes agriculture is important to the town's history and life in general and he wants to support agriculture in our town. He has had experience working on a farm when he was younger and also is an avid conservationist. Derek Hui is originally from Hong Kong and has lived in Weston since 2014. He works for Crop 1 which is an indoor farming operation.

Discussed aquaculture and energy requirements for farming as well as opportunities in Weston for small scale farming.

Discussed bow hunting program in Weston and new donation program for harvested deer.

Discussed Ag com page on Weston.org and content update.

Discussed whether to set up our own website or use Weston town website and decided Weston town web site is pretty flexible and can include lots of information on the Weston website including contact information and videos. Recommended adding a specific Ag Com email address on website page that forwards to the chair as well as calendar of events.

Also want to start using listserve to collect emails for anyone that wants to sign up for Ag Com updates.

Discussed 2023 AgCom event updates including visits to Weston farms:

- Goats and lamas at Avery Chaplin's farm.
- Revers horse farm

Discussed open meeting requirements for these farm visits. Lise will look into this.

Set date for visit to Avery's farm on March 15 at 11am.

Set tentative plan for early June farm visit to Beechwood Stables.

Next meeting set for February 28 at 6pm.