

July 13th meeting of the Agricultural Commission

7:05 meeting was called to order

Attending: Elizabeth Keen, Jennifer Brown, Peter Maggio, Carla Turner

Discussed: pollinators

How do we as a group want to address, do we want to address the issue?

Peter reported on the subject suggests we have Emerson Martin come and talk to us on this issue in the future. He cited the Xerces Society. And we discussed reasons for bee decline.

Elizabeth spoke with Vivian Orlosky will look into a possible joint meeting between the Great Barrington AG com and Egremont AG Com. Outcome for our participation will be limited to articles in the town newsletter. first writer of the news article was not discussed.

Elizabeth spoke to the subject of Farm Gathering potlucks. Many are attending and it is well received. The next picnic will be at Darrell Turner's Farm.

Brochure update is we are out of them. No further discussion.

Short discussion on looking for a new member. Anna or Paul Simeau came to mind or possibly Denny Peck.

New Business: Jennifer is concerned about the massive amounts of Poison Ivy along the road. We will look into what can be done about this. Is it road Crew or board of Health jurisdiction?

Meeting closed at 7:52