

South Hadley Agricultural Commission

Minutes

December 1, 2010

6:30-7:30

Present: Ann and Wendy

Excused: Dawn, Larry and Monica

Discussed several committee openings, including the Master Plan Implementation Committee and a liaison to the Open Space Committee. We will revisit the openings in January with other members.

Ann received an invitation to join the MAAC (Massachusetts Association of Agricultural Commissions) which will be an opportunity to meet and learn from other Agricultural Commissions. Participation is free for the first year of membership. Further discussion will take place at the January meeting; at that time we will vote on membership. Several conferences sponsored by MAAC have been announced-February 5, 2011 and March 5, 2011.

Discussed PVGrows Loan Fund, which is a small business loan opportunity that supports local food viability and sustainability.

Also confirmed plans for January speaker, Vince Snyder of the NRCS in Hadley.

Ann will schedule the Selectboard room and will notify press of the event.