

Berkshire Conservation District
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, March 1, 2023
Supervisor Meeting

Starting at 4:00 pm

1. Call to order and Determination of Quorum
Ron called the meeting to order at 4:05pm. We had a quorum.
2. Present: Supervisors: Ron Kujawski (Vice Chair), David Ellis (Treasurer), Donna Kittredge (Secretary), Ned Kirchner, Rachel Phillips (NRCS) Program Administrator: Cynthia Grippaldi
3. Public Comment Period
No members of the public were present.
4. Report from NRCS Representative
Rachel Phillips is the acting DC for the western area. She is taking over for Sylvia who is on maternity leave. Rachel shared the towns and farms that have applications in for various activities. Ned asked if anyone from NRCS is doing any field work to please let the landowners know about no-till. Rachel suggested that if we provide info on the no-till, the NRCS reps could pass it on to prospects.
5. Secretary's Report – Submitted by Donna Kittredge
See February 1, 2023 Meeting Minutes. David made a motion to accept the February 2023 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Ron. All in favor.
6. Treasurer's Report – Submitted by David Ellis
See February 2023 Treasurer's Report. Donna made a motion to accept the February 2023 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Ned. All in favor.
7. Program Status/Actions
 1. FY23 Basic and Innovative Proposal - Regenerative Farming Best Practices Initiative
Cynthia has been talking with Megan at HHCD and neither of them have heard from Tom Anderson about the grant.
 2. HSAP No-Till Program Improvement Proposal update
We will be interviewing a second applicant via Zoom on Monday, March 6. Cynthia shared with Rachel that we are looking to fill a position. We changed the deadline to open till filled.
 3. FY22 Pollinator program -
Donna will create a template for the Armory sign. Gould Farm is still interested and we're waiting for a timeline and a budget.
7. New Business/Actions
 1. Healthy Soil/No-Till Coordinator status
 2. HHCD follow up
HHCD will be meeting on March 7th to decide which equipment they are going to purchase. Ned suggested we do not purchase additional equipment until we get the no-till rented at a

much greater rate. Rachael mentioned that NRCS may have a penetrometer to determine the hardness of soil.

3. Fall 2023 Plant Sale

1. Updates from Lou — Ron was in contact with the head of vegetables at UMass Extension and he emailed to Lou three sources for garlic seed. Wolf Tree in Plainfield, Atlas Farm in South Deerfield and Red Shirt in Lanesboro. Cynthia will ask Lou to contact the three farms to get their prices. Ned said when they sold garlic at their past Plants Sales they always sold out.
2. Budget increase for plant materials I— Lou is currently over by \$900. Ned made the motion to increase the budget by \$900, seconded by David. All in favor.

8. District Administrator Updates

We have one no-till rental who will move the machine himself.

9. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

10. Supervisor/Staff Comments and/or Announcements

There were no comments or announcements.

11. The date of next Supervisor meeting April 5 @ 4pm.

12. Adjournment

David made a motion to adjourn at 4:53pm, seconded by Ron. All in favor.