

Agricultural Commission Notes 4/7/2022
Present: Anna, Sadie, Ed, Bi-Sek, Erin

Farmland of Local Importance – project of the NRCS and American Farmland Trust

Discussion about participating in this evaluation process. It's free of charge and without obligation. The purpose is to evaluate Plainfield's soils to determine their agricultural characteristics.

Ed pointed out that this is not significantly different from the soil map the town already has, but noted that it could be valuable information to have in the future.

Sadie and Ed suggested that we dig a little deeper into the purpose behind the study before participating.

Sadie suggested sharing information about the program with the Selectboard before making a decision.

Action items: Anna will investigate further. (

Opt-Out Program

There is still no information or legislation related to the procedure for towns to opt out of the state's mosquito spray program.

Anna suggested that it might be worth contacting Adam Hines for an update. The MA Pollinator Network is also working to get information about what the opt out requirements will be this year.

National Wildlife Federation Magazine

The current issue focuses on planting native plant species for wildlife. Anna suggested purchasing multiple copies and Sadie suggested donating one to the library.

Bee Nesting Box

Ed has built and donated a nesting box for bees that will be installed in the pollinator garden at the post office. The installation will take place on Sunday, April 10 at noon.

Anna suggested publishing information in the Post that would educate readers about how to build their own nesting boxes.

Sadie suggested writing up Ed's method, and including links to other designs that are available online.