**GROTON NY AGRICULTURE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**September 2, 2020**

**Members Present:**

Sally Teneyck

Monica Carey

Kathy Howard

Jason Oliver

Martin Slade

Sheldon Clark

Derek Hill

Melissa Hill

**Meeting opened at 6pm**

Thanks to Sally for hosting the meeting at Summerhill Brewery

**Treasure report:**

Balance $7,922.67

**FFA Alumni Group**

Sally, Dan, Monica and Sheldon will work on that list

**Website**

Website has been updated and Jason will continue to focus on the additions.

Derek to reach out to other FFA Boards to get examples of wording for a mission statement.

Look into having the students do quick spotlights to share on the website and at other locations in the school.

**Farmer Challenge**

Moved to 2021

**Antique Tractor Show**

Moved to 2021

**Pumpkins & sweet corn**

Ready to go, Callan will sell at her stands, committee looking into other stands as well.

Metal boxes will be used to prevent robberies.

**Groton FFA Advisor Report**

Speakers willing to come in person and present to the students; Conservation officers, DEC officers, NYS Foresters and many others. Waiting to see school protocol for the fall.

Jason will be in his classroom. Teachers will have HUBs this year to do more collaboration, maybe joint projects. This is new, still a lot to be figured out.

New potential project for students presented by Jason:

*Interactive map of the local food system*

* A digital map that can be shared with anyone
* Anything grown, plus businesses. What does agriculture look like in our community?
* Maybe partner with Farm Bureau
* Focus on our school district to start
* Kathy reaching out to Cornell Professor, Matt Ryan, who teaches sustainable agriculture to find out if this is something his students would like to participate in as well.
* Short videos or pictures with bios when you click on the pin

Jason put together a grant proposal with Margo to get funds from the park foundation to build a heated green house. It will most likely be located across the road.

We need to get the kids at the elementary school involved, idea to maybe host an FFA camp next summer for a day. Derek suggested reaching out to Johanna Bossard from the Hamilton FFA chapter to find out more about their *pals* program.

Jason looking into doing an activity with FFA students this fall, Discover Cayuga Lake sounds like something that may work and the students get to spend time on a boat learning about aquatic plants, analyzing sediment samples, doing water clarity analysis, etc.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, November 9