

AGRISCIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING**Minutes Monday, December 9, 2024**

The Agriscience Committee Meeting was held in the library of Shepaug Valley School. The meeting was called to order at 5:08 pm on Monday, December 9, 2024 by Chairwoman Mary Weber. Present were committee members Mary Weber, Victoria Ceylan, Angela Macchiarulo, Christine Weydig and Jane Sarjeant. Also present: Dr. Lorrie Rodrigue, Interim Superintendent and Tyler Creamans, Director of Agriscience.

1. Approved Minutes: October 21, 2024 meeting.
2. Report on the November Agriscience Advisory Committee Meeting - Tyler Cremeans:
 - Attending public relations opportunities in all 3 towns.
 - Have a Hiring Guide for FFA employees.
 - Working on our Ag students, from sending towns, to attend Board of Education meetings in their respective towns.
 - Explained that students must do 150 SAE hours per year. If the place working has 501c3 status, there is no pay, but if the business is for profit, the student must be paid.
3. Overview of current projects and programs-Tyler Creamans
 - Ventilation in the livestock area
 - Sugar House evaporator to be installed
 - Obtaining horses-many wish to donate
4. Update on facilities improvements and maintenance
 - hopes of selling maple syrup Spring 2025
5. Fundraising for various agriscience experiences and events
 - Tree sales before and after the Holiday Bazaar and at Holiday In the Depot
 - The Holiday Bazaar: besides trees, horseshoe snowmen, wooden trees, horseshoe reindeer, also for sale were chocolate and cookies and a raffle for a horseshoe Christmas tree that showcased the Ag ornaments for sale by the Parents, Friends and FFA Alumni Committee.
 - Sale of items when the Shepaug Chorus appeared outside Christmas Village
 - Sale of all items at Holiday In the Depot
6. Fundraising
 - A couple of our members think that fundraising should increase with a Big Event, before the Bazaar, in house, with raffles, food and many items for sale.
7. Adjourned at 5:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted: M. Weber