



# York County Beekeepers Association

*A Chapter of the Maine State Beekeepers Association*

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## Minutes of ZOOM Meeting on February 13, 2023

- 1) The ZOOM meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by President Beth Goodwin. Twenty-nine members attended the meeting.
- 2) Speaker:
  - Laurie Bowen, from the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, presented information on the “Pollinator-Friendly Garden Certification Program”.
  - Four requirements must be fulfilled in order to become a certified Pollinator-Friendly Garden.
    - Provide food for pollinators
    - Provide water sources for pollinators
    - Provide shelter for pollinators
    - Safeguard pollinator habitat
  - An application must be filled out and submitted, with a \$10 fee) to the Cooperative Extension for review and acceptance.
  - **The whole meeting was recorded.** This is the link.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/ZIEVsTSvPn7wxtWYvVu9AorgcbI9PTCJdkqmFbfVWonRnweLHhlp7mjWg26ysu1n.m6GY2INsfO-apiK7>. Passcode: 62EH=Kj6
  - The presentation’s chat boxes also contain links to a number of sites for resources and more information. Beth has supplied them in her email to the google group.
  - The presentation was interesting and contained much food for thought.  
Thank you, Laurie.
- 3) Bee Talk:
  - **Very** lively discussion was had after the presentation.
    - Could treatments be done now with OA?
    - Some keepers have a mix of hives, some alive, some deadouts. Autopsies should be done on the deadouts, especially if the equipment will be reused, to find out why the hive died.
    - Bees should be checked for adequate resources. Add food if low.
    - When should new bees be ordered? From?

4) Business:

- **29** members (out of more than 100 members) responded to the survey on speaker topics. Beth is summarizing the responses and will be sending out that information. Gordon Shannon won the smoker starters in the drawing from respondents. Congratulations Gordon.

5) Final Items

- The next meeting will be April 10, 2023, at 6:30, in person, at Nasson Community Center. Our State Apiarist, Jenn Lund will speak on Spring Management and the latest on Varroa.

6) The meeting was ended at 8:20 P.M

Respectively submitted,  
Lynne Lincourt, Secretary