

**Extension Leadership Council**  
*Frederick County*

**Date:** Wednesday, March 5, 2025

**Time:** 12:00 noon

**Location:** Conference Room – MidAtlantic Farm Credit

**Attendees:** ELC Members – Sharon Mauzy, Keighley Gore, John D. Cline, John Jewel  
Ann Fox, Lisa Callanan  
VCE – Mark Sutphin, Amanda Johnson, Tammy Epperson  
Visitors – Charles & Ray with Winchester Equipment

Keighley Gore, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m. Introductions were made

**Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

John D. Cline moved to approve minutes from the November 6, 2024 meeting, Lisa Callanan seconded, and the minutes were approved.

**Extension from Your Viewpoint (offered by Staff and ELC members)**

- An ELC member discussed the Spongy Moth situation as reported to him by people in his district and that some action needs to be taken to address said situation.

**What's Happening in Winchester and Frederick County**

- The W.O.W. will take place October 2, 2025
- A W.O.W program for high school seniors will take place October 3, 2025
- CTE Committee is working to address some needs in the county schools
- The Farm Bureau and FFA High School Chapters presented an Ag Literacy Day in Quarles Elementary School and Bass Hoover Elementary School
- An educational trailer from Soil & Water is now available to teach students about soil profiles for a fee of \$200.00

**VCE-Frederick Outstanding 2024 Volunteer and Business Awards**

- The Outstanding Volunteer recipient was Ann Hartley a valued member of the Livestock - Judging Team and the Livestock Club.
- Winchester Equipment was awarded the Outstanding Business Award for their continued support of our 4-H program. The management team was there to accept the award.

**State and Local Budget Updates**

**- Current Local Vacancies**

Frederick County SNAP Program Associate – hope to fill Fall 2025  
Warren ANR - currently being advertised  
Clarke ANR – hope to be filled in the Fiscal Year 2026

**Committee Updates**

-Funding Committee: no updates reported

-Marketing Committee: no updates reported

**Extension Programming Highlight**

-Mark Sutphin presented on the commercial horticulture programming (tree fruit, vegetables, small fruit, Christmas tree production, green industry, and pesticide safety) in the region.

The next meeting will be May 7, 6:30 p.m., Frederick County Government Building.

Meeting adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Epperson  
4-H Technician