

Colchester Agriculture Commission

Monday May 18 – 7:00 PM

Town Hall Meeting Room 2

MEETING MINUTES – D. Rosenblatt

PRESENT: C. Bourque, D. Wasniewski, A. Zimmerman, C. Csere, D. Rosenblatt, L. Curtis

ABSENT: O. Duksa

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA:

Motion to add question on Colchester Farmer's Market protocol.

Motion Approved.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE AGRICULTURE COMMISSION ON March 16th, 2015

Motion Approved.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

No additional citizens present

CHAIR REPORT: C. Bourque

A Packet from the Connecticut Agricultural Education Foundation for Elementary Schools was presented.

"Apple Orchards" book and study plan to be given to Kindergarten and First Grade Students.

A. Zimmerman will perform this action.

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FUNDING OPTIONS FOR LAND PRESERVATION: L. Curtis

Ongoing effort to obtain an "emergency money cache" set aside for the town to appropriate on Agriculture Commission recommendation to preserve independent farmland as both independent and farmland.

Leslie Curtis will attempt to contact the Conservation Commission, the Economic Development Commission and any other additional Commissions on this issue once the Colchester Budget has been approved.

AG GRANTS: S. Soby

Stan Soby was unavailable to present this report.

FOOD HUB UPDATE: C. Bourque

Adam Turner and Chris Bourque met in Lebanon to further discuss the Food Hub incorporating the towns of Lebanon, Salem, Colchester, Hebron and Franklin.

A questionnaire was sent to farmers to identify farms that would be receptive and possibly develop more farmland in the light of this Food Hub.

D. Wisniewski will attempt to generate a list identifying Colchester farmers by next meeting.

FARMER'S MARKET: D. Rosenblatt

Question was put by D. Rosenblatt as to decisions on farm participation made by the current Market Master of the Colchester Farmer's Market.

As the Market is currently being held on Town managed property (the Town Green), it was decided that any Colchester farmer denied participation in the Farmer's Market should contact Stan Soby.

Stan Soby arrived at 8:24pm and confirmed that this was the correct course of action.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:26PM

Meeting adjourned 8:10 PM