

Colchester Agriculture Commission

Monday January 23, 2017 – 7:00 PM

Town Hall Meeting Room 3

MEETING MINUTES – D. Rosenblatt

PRESENT COMMISSION MEMBERS: C. Bourque, D. Rosenblatt, O. Duksa, D. Wisniewski

PRESENT ALTERNATES: C. Csere, L. Curtis

TOWN LIAISON: S. Soby

Meeting began at 7:08

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE AGRICULTURE COMMISSION ON: December 19, 2017

Moved: L. Curtis

Seconded: O. Duksa

Approved

Abstention: D. Wisniewski

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None

FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM:

- C. Bourque reported on a meeting at Colchester Elementary School where they established short-term goals of growing herbs and hatching fertilized hen eggs.

The meeting also discussed the formulation of curriculum and study plans and identification of needed supplies.

- Bacon Academy, having received the greenhouse, has reached a delay in implementation, requiring a dedicated educator to provide curriculum plans, oversight and guide the creation of a new organizational structure to replace the senior students who graduated last year.
- C. Bourque also proposed taking advantage of the Connecticut Agricultural Educational Foundation's Book Case and books. He will approach civic groups for partial

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contribution to the purchase of the \$150 fee and proposed that it be designated to commemorate John Mohrlein, who is recently deceased.

ZONING REGULATION CHANGES PROPOSAL:

Randy Benson, of the Planning and Zoning Commission, distributed documents to be reviewed by the members of the Agricultural Commission to assist in drafting guidelines for the keeping of large livestock within the designated suburban areas of Colchester. Discussion is planned for the February meeting of the Ag Commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

Donna Rosenblatt provided copies of the 2017 application for participation in the Farmer's Market. She gave the copies to Randy Benson, who will give them to the Clerk's Office to be available to residents of Colchester.

Stan Soby recommended and will implement the inclusion of the application availability in e-mail alerts and on the Town website.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING: L. Curtis

Seconded: D. Wisniewski

Motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by D. Rosenblatt, Secretary for the Agriculture Commission