

Colchester Agriculture Commission

Monday May 15, 2017 – 7:00 PM

Town Hall Meeting Room 3

MEETING MINUTES – D. Rosenblatt

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

ABSENT COMMISSION MEMBERS: D. Wisniewski

PRESENT ALTERNATES: L. Curtis

ABSENT ALTERNATE: C. Csere

TOWN LIAISON: S. Soby

Meeting began at 7:05

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE AGRICULTURE COMMISSION ON March 20, 2017 and April 17, 2017:

March minutes contained a misspelled name. The name will be corrected and the minutes resubmitted at the June meeting

April minutes moved: L. Curtis

Seconded: D. Rosenblatt

Abstain: O. Duksa

April 2017 minutes approved

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Several members of the Bacon Academy Civics class were present:

Ryan McAuliffe

Lauren Constant

Lindsay Dowty

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Marie Minhort

Amanda Pinson

Taylor Howes

Also present was Frank St. John, 25 Rudder Lane, who made comments during the suburban zone livestock regulations portion of the meeting

#### FARM TO SCHOOL:

C. Bourque updated the Commission on recent Farm To School activities. Donations have been received for the bookcase and books from the USDA.

#### COLCHESTER FARM TOURS:

Plans for the tour are in place. Discussion was made regarding additional Colchester farms to be added either concurrently with the existing tour or to be held later in the year. Further discussion on this will be necessary.

#### SURBURBAN ZONE LIVESTOCK REGULATIONS:

There was a brief discussion on the regulations. The common sense guidelines of East Windsor were cited as being most in keeping with the Agriculture Commission's vision for the regulation.

Extant animals/sheltered would be allowed as being established prior to the regulations.

Frank St. John, listed above in Citizen's Comments, inquired on his livestock: 3 goats and 1 horse. His property is 5.2 acres, 2 acres are wooded. Frank was urged to wait until the regulations were adopted and if the animal units did not fall under the regulations, to apply for an allowance through Planning and Zoning

C. Bourque will present the Ag Commissions' recommendations to Randy at Planning and Zoning.

NEW BUSINESS: Brief discussion of agriculture alternatives in an urban setting

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING: D. Rosenblatt

Seconded: L. Curtis

Motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM

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