

TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
AGRICULTURE COMMISSION

Minutes
May 22, 2013

The Meeting was called to order in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT at 7:15 p.m. by Chairman Albert Grant

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

A quorum was established, members present; Albert Grant, Janice Warren, Jim Stremper, Pete Larese and Kirk Montstream

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Both the March and April minutes were reviewed and approved. A motion to accept both minutes was made by Jim and seconded by Jan. Motioned passed

REGULAR BUSINESS:

- COMMUNITY GARDEN- Plots are all staked out, ready for planting. A work party is scheduled for May 25th. The driveway still needs to be installed, our hopes are that the driveway will be constructed at the same time that the town is planning to do a drainage project on Reservoir Ave just west of the community garden.

Jan brought in some information about a couple of young farmers that would like to raise herbs and spices, this would be great for the community garden. We are to ask these newcomers to provide the Commission with a drawing or plans of what they would like to use for space at the community garden. Upon approval, we would rent out garden plots to accommodate these herbs farmers. We will finalize all the details at our next meeting. We discussed renting them enough space for what they would like and charge rent accordingly.

- FARMERS MARKET- June 30th is the first scheduled day of the farmers market for this season, as of this meeting, Jan has 8 vendors on board and is aggressively looking for more and for Friends of the Market for donations and other creative ways to generate interest for the upcoming market season. It looks like everything is coming together for a great farmers market season, thanks to all of Jan's hardwork.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

- FOUR TOWN FAIR- Same as last months minutes. The commission will keep this item on the monthly agenda. The commission hopes to generate lots of interest in the fair throughout the summer. East Windsor is the host town for this year. A list of people, companies, groups and other volunteer agencies will be created and updated at our monthly meetings throughout the summer.

NEW BUSINESS:

- PARK DEPARTMENT- Melissa wasn't able to attend our last meeting, hopefully she is able to attend our June meeting to discuss accounting issues with the Farmers Market and the Community Garden
- Conservation and Development- Some information from the planning office was supplied to this commission. We're hoping that Robin Newton can attend our June Meeting to help discuss some of the conservation plan and development ideas and what parts of this plan of development that the Agricultural and Conservation Commission play a roll for adding or changing any language in the existing conservation plan for the Town of East Windsor

Jim made a motion to adjourn this meeting, seconded by Jan

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Montstream, Secretary, East Windsor Agriculture Commission