

TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Minutes

March 27, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

Absent; Janice Warren and Roger LaChance

Also present; Town Planner Laurie Whitten and liaison from the Board of Selectmen; Jason Bowsza

III. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 27, 2014 minutes were reviewed and approved. Motioned by Pete, Seconded by Jim. Motion passed unanimously

V. NEW BUSINESS

1) Membership of Commission; 5 Regular Members and 2 Alternate Members

Albert Grant, Chairman/Regular Member

Janice Warren, Vice Chairman/ Regular Member

Kirk Montstream, Secretary/ Regular Member

Jim Stremper/Regular Member

Pete Larese/Regular Member

*Roger LaChance

* As of this meeting, Rogers' commission membership status, Regular/ Alternate could not be determined

2) Meeting times and dates; After discussion, the commission changed the regular meeting time to 6:30pm. The regular meeting night will stay the same, the 4th Thursday of every month at the town hall meeting room.

Al made a motion for commission to accept the night and time of the future regular Agriculture Commission meetings. Seconded by Jim. Motion passed unanimously

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1) Leases for town owned properties- Laurie Whitten supplied and asked the commission to review existing agricultural lease agreements between the town and private parties. The town requests input on these leases with the possibility of making changes to them and possible creating a templet for all town owned agricultural property.

2) Community Garden- Laurie provided a copy of the town approved map of the existing community garden on Reservoir Avenue. This map shows the proposed location of the driveway for the garden. We, Dog Park neighbors included, are all very happy with this location. The plan from here is to have the driveway staked out by a town representative, so that driveway construction could begin by the Agriculture Commission. Thanks to all that have been involved with the garden and all the planning and time that it takes for a project like this to GROW.

All applications, fees and rules for this years garden will all be handled through the Planning Office. All sign up information is to be posted online with a plot map of the garden posted in the planning office and online if possible.

3) Farmers Market- Laurie supplied information on temporary event permits, to be made available to Jan Warren, who is the Market Master. Unfortunately Jan was not present to comment.

4) Bylaw Review- A draft copy of the by-laws were reviewed and accepted. Jim made a motion to accept the by-laws as drafted. Al seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5) 490- Laurie supplied some great information on 490 Open Space, including a application. All commission members can use this very useful information for future reference.

6) Plan of Conservation and Development, the commission will continue to assist the planning office in any way we can for the completion and submission of the 2014 POCD

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

1) Town comparison information was supplied by the planning office and is to be reviewed as reference material

2) Town ordinance, Creating a Agriculture Commission, was reviewed

VII. REPORTS OF STAFF

IX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

X. ADJOURNMENT

Jim made a motion to adjourn this meeting, seconded by Pete. Motion passed unanimously
Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Montstream, Secretary, East Windsor Agriculture Commission