

TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Minutes

February 23, 2017

CALL TO ORDER :

The Meeting began in the Town Hall Treasures Office, 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT at 7:30 p.m.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

A quorum wasn't established, members present; Albert Grant and Kirk Montstream

AGENDA ADDITIONS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January minutes will be tabled til next meeting

NEW BUSINESS :

-Budget Request / Agriculture Commission, the commission discussed how a budget will be put together through this year, so that the commission secretary may be a paid position for FY 2018-2019

OLD BUSINESS:

-Community Garden, the commission discussed adding organic compost to the garden and planting wild flowers in the portion of the garden that is not being used for garden plots

-Water for the Community Garden, Al has set up a meeting with NRCS on March 22nd at the garden to discuss the plan of putting a water line across Reservoir Avenue. NRCS has grant programs that the Community Garden may qualify for. Hopefully this is something that can be worked out for this growing season. Thanks to all that volunteer their time for such a great project for the entire community. Special thanks to the Town, Garden and Dog Park folks for working together as this water line project comes together.

-Farmer's Coffee, the 3rd Annual Farmers Coffee, April 1st, 2017 is the date for this year's Farmers Coffee. Hope to see everyone there at the Melrose Historic District School 9-11am. The Agriculture Commission is hosting this event and will supply the coffee and donuts. A motion for this action will be made at the March meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS :

Tax exempt status for Farm Buildings, this commission discussed following up on language from the November 2016 Board of Selectmen minutes that mentioned how some surrounding towns have some limited tax exemption for farm buildings. We would like to learn more about this and if this is something that can be offered to East Windsor farmers.

REPORTS OF THE STAFF:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION :

ADJOURNMENT :

Meeting ended at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Montstream, Secretary, East Windsor Agriculture Commission

