

TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Minutes

June 22, 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 was established, members present; Albert Grant, Kirk Montstream, Bill Syme and Nicholas Laskos

AGENDA ADDITIONS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March and April minutes to be reviewed and approved at a later meeting

NEW BUSINESS :

Tax abatement for agricultural buildings - we all agreed that this should be something that the Town of East Windsor should adopt. We reviewed similar surrounding towns policies/ordinances and all agreed that we would be best to follow what the Town of Ellington uses for agricultural buildings. Kirk will email a copy of Ellingtons' ordinance to Jason Bowsza, our selectmen liason. We hope to bring this to the Board of Selectmen looking for guidance.

OLD BUSINESS :

-Farmers Market - Cancelled for this year, remove this from our agenda till further notice

-Farmland owner contact letter - A good discussion with now 25 responses recieved. 2 residents looking for some kind of assistance and 18 maybe looking to rent out their land to local farmers and 5 considering selling the property.

-Community Garden- We all agreed we need to advertise the garden better to get the word out. We are always looking for assistance and input from the community to help make this exciting project really take off. We going to contact local businesses, schools and colleges to put the word out that we are looking for young farmers to really make this a community garden.

-Water for the Community Garden- To date, we are now looking for \$3500 more dollars to hold up our end of an arrangement to hook up to the well across the street. The addition to running water on the garden site would really enhance the site and surely attract more farmers.

MISCELLANEOUS : There is 3 Alternate Member positions open

REPORTS OF THE STAFF:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION :

ADJOURNMENT :

Meeting ended at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Montstream, Secretary, East Windsor Agriculture Commission