TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION Minutes September 28, 2017

CALL TO ORDER :

The Meeting began at East Windsor Housing Authority 1A Park Hill, Broad Brook, CT at 7:30 p.m.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

A quorum was established, members present; Albert Grant, Kirk Montstream, Jim Strempfer and Nicholas Laskos

AGENDA ADDITIONS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes to be reviewed and approved at a later meeting

NEW BUSINESS :

Tax abatement for agricultural buildings - This commission hopes to see this moved forward to the Board of Selectmen.

OLD BUSINESS :

-Farmland owner contact letter - A good discussion with now 25 responses recieved. Further discussion will be needed

-Community Garden- We discussed some more ideas on getting the word out on the garden. We discussed putting together a schedule for the routine maintenance needed year round, getting the soils tested and the mowing of the grounds. We are to change the lettering on the water tank now the we own it. Create a new handout/email flyer for this coming growing season. Also, putting together a list of all available farmland in town, that which we could use the garden as as starting point for young farmers aspiring to move forward to rent or own their own farm.

-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.

MISCELLANEOUS : There is 3 Alternate Member positions open.

<u>REPORTS OF THE STAFF:</u> <u>**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION :**</u> **ADJOURNMENT :**

Meeting ended at 8:30 pm Respectfully submitted, Kirk Montstream, Secretary, East Windsor Agriculture Commission