

TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR  
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Minutes

February 22, 2018

**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 Stremper, Nicholas Laskos and Glenn Reichle

**AGENDA ADDITIONS:**

CT Farm Bureau. The Farm Bureau has contacted this commission to ask if we would like to sponsor another "Farm Talk". We discussed this and came up with a couple of topics. Farm transition and transfer could be one and Pollinators could be a another topic, which was a good topic with a great turnout. Al is to contact the bureau and see if arrangements can be made for this year.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes that were reviewed and approved for January 25, 2018

Motioned by Al , Glenn seconded. Passed unanimously

**NEW BUSINESS :**

1. Farmers Coffee Event - Date March 31st at the Melrose Historic District School. Amanda at Town Hall help us put together a flyer to help spread the word. We look forward to another good turnout.

2. Grant for Compost for the Community Garden - A \$1000 Grant was received from NCHD.

Composting and building of compost bins at the garden are now to be scheduled this spring.

Motion made by Al to purchase and have compost spread at he garden, 2nd by Nick, passed unanimously

Motion made by Jim to purchase and install temporary concrete composting bins, 2nd by Nick, passed unanimously

**OLD BUSINESS :**

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

-Plowing Event - Date to be April 28th

-Community Garden- Discussion of to hire or find a volunteer person or group to help with maintenance of the garden. Plans to be made for putting together work parties throughout the season. Working on finding some incubator farmers to occupy some of the garden. Now that we own the water tank, we are going to change the labels on the water tank. We had 8 garden plots rented last year, we are hoping to get the word out to add more gardener's this season. Soil testing to be carried out this spring as well.

-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 :**

**REPORTS OF THE STAFF:**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION :**

**ADJOURNMENT :**

Motion to adjourn by Jim, seconded by Nick. Passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Montstream, Secretary, East Windsor Agriculture Commission