

TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting, May, 24, 2018

The meeting of May 24 2018 was called to order at 8:00

Albert, Jim and Glen were in attendance, and Steve Deerborn also attended.

Minutes from Feb. 22, March 22 and April 26 were approved.

The Community Garden has 16 plots in use, with Melissa Maltese using 2 plots for a Summer Rec. Program at no charge. There are 4 tilled plots left.

A numbering mix up resulted in one gardener, Kristen Daigle, having her plot, which she had started planting, usurped by another gardener. Albert raked out an adjacent plot and moved her plants. We agreed to refund her \$15 for her inconvenience.

A draft ordinance allowing tax abatement for agricultural buildings up to \$100,000 in value was circulated. The commission felt that \$150,000 would be more realistic for some buildings today. We will investigate if there is any State limits for the allowable value. The Commission is otherwise in favor of the ordinance as stated in version II.

Compost has been spread on the garden we have yet to complete the bunker and have more compost delivered. We have not been billed yet for the compost or concrete blocks.

The program on Basic Vegetable Gardening, May 1, at the Warehouse Point Library had only 1 attendee out side the Commission. The speaker accepted \$50 payment instead of his usual \$150 fee.

Barry Avery was very knowledgeable. Perhaps it would be better to present in Feb. next year.

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The Got Land - Need Land program, May 9, arranged by the Farm Bureau was excellent. Speakers on Crop insurance, Farm Credit, UConn Extension Service and Service Corps of Retired Executives. The subject was keeping agricultural land in production while transitioning between farmers. About 10 persons outside the Commission attended.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Submitted by Albert Grant, chairman.