

Minutes for the Agricultural Commission meeting of July 26, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 with Albert, Jim and Glenn present.

There were no minutes from June 28.

New Business

The CT Valley Agriculture Summit, spearheaded by the Town of Enfield, scheduled for March 2, 2019 was discussed.

Old Business

The Community Garden is going well. Albert string trimmed the walkways and replaced the hose that was damaged by the Town mower and the water tank has been refilled by the Fire Dept. Most gardens look to be in good shape.

Tax abatement for ag. buildings needs more time to prepare language that can be voted on.

Receipts for spreading compost \$500 and purchasing Collins Compost \$130 are in hand. Jim suggested that we might use the remainder of the grant (\$370) to bury a water line from the tank to the garden if that fits within the grant requirements. Albert will check with the Rec. Dept.

Miscellaneous

Glenn brought up his discussion with the Board of Selectmen about the status of his lease.

Albert and Jim recalled that several years ago the Ag. Commission was asked to review Town Ag. leases and that our recommendations were to have transparent lease policies with rates in line with State Dept. of Ag. guide lines and preference should be given to EW residents.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00

Submitted by Albert Grant, chairman