

TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Special Meeting
June 28, 2012

The Special Meeting was called to order in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Grant.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

A quorum was established as five members (Albert Grant, Barbara Halloran, Janice Warren, Kirk Monstream and Robert Slate) Member Jim Stremper was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/April 25, 2012:

A motion was made by Janice Warren and seconded by Robert Slate to approve the minutes of April 25, 2012 as presented.

COMMUNITY GARDENS UPDATE:

See Other Business.

WORK ON DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE GRANT:

See Other Business.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Commission reviewed a memo dated June 26, 2012 from Robin Newton, Assistant Town Planner. The Commission discussed the following items contained in the memo:

Community Gardens: There was a brief discussion regarding new placement of the parking lot. The Commission agreed to table further discussion of the parking until the July meeting when we could discuss further details with Member Jim Stremper. The Commission discussed what process we would like to put in place for renting the plots, what department would be responsible for applications, etc. Bob Slate agreed to invite Melissa Maltese, Director of Park and Recreation to the July meeting to discuss the possibility of that department getting involved. The Commission also discussed advertising in January, February and March of 2013 in local publications and also having a press release appear on the Town website. There was also a brief discussion of researching a Grant from the Department of Agriculture to help fund the irrigation at the Community Garden site. Albert Grant agreed to look into the grant and Janice Warren agreed to help write the grant.

Lawrence Farms Open Space/Conservation Easement: We were asked to discuss and make a suggestion as to how we would like the open space utilized on the property. After discussion and approval by all members it was agreed that Barbara Halloran would prepare a report and forward it via e-mail to Robin Newton in the Planning and Development Department.

Community Farms Grant: The Commission is still working on scoring the properties and agreed to meet at 6 p.m. on July 25 to continue the process.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Alan Baker (Selectman) has been approached by a number of people in town regarding the possibility of the Conservation Commission sponsoring a Farmer's Market. The Members agreed that it is a good idea and Janice Warren agreed to research and discuss further details at the July meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Halloran, Secretary, East Windsor Conservation Commission