

TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
September 26, 2012

The Meeting was called to order in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Grant.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

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

Also present was Deputy First Selectman Alan Baker.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/July 25, 2012:

A motion was made by Janice Warren and seconded by Albert Grant to approve the minutes of July 25, 2012 as presented.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY FARMS PRESERVATION GRANT:

There was a discussion of the status the Department of Agriculture Community Farms Preservation Grant. The Commission has completed the scoring of properties and completed the evaluation. No further work can be done until the open space ordinance (Ordinance 97-1) has been amended which is being discussed by the Board of Selectman. The proposed amendment to the ordinance will remove the Park and Recreation Commission and add the Agricultural Commission.

COMMUNITY GARDENS UPDATE:

The parcel has been plowed. Commission members are planning on spending a few hours on the property to remove roots and rocks so that Jim Stremper can seed the property for the winter.

The commission tabled discussion of the following for the October meeting: Regulations, Plot Sizes, Plot Prices, Suggestions for Public Kickoff Event.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There was a discussion of what the Agricultural Commission will handle and what the Conservation Commission will handle once the Agricultural Commissions bylaws are in place. The Commission was in agreement that the Community Garden and Farmer's Market could be the responsibility of the Agricultural Commission and that the focus for the Conservation Commission will need to change.

Farmers Market: The Golden Gavel was able to obtain a permit to run the Farmer's Market on Sundays for the rest of the year. There was discussion of starting the farmer's market immediately without prepared food tents so that we didn't have to worry about filling out forms for the health department. There was also discussion of preparing an Application, Rules and Safety. It was also agreed that the first Farmer's Market would take place on Sunday, October 7, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with the sale of mums and fresh eggs.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Halloran, Secretary, East Windsor Conservation Commission