

Town of East Windsor Agricultural Commission

Minutes

March 28, 2024,

Location: Town Hall, Rye St.

I. CALL TO ORDER – 6:33 PM

II. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Attended by: Albert Grant, Donna Grant, Jim Stremper, Glenn Reichle, Valerie Galinski, Anna Wasik, Danielle Boudreau

Absent Jim Stremper

Public: Rich Tuller,

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of February 22, 2024. Glenn Reichle made a motion to accept the minutes.
2nd by Albert Grant. Minutes were approved.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Review Bylaws

The Commission did not meet in November or December and as a result did not hold an annual meeting or review the Agricultural Commission bylaws. The members now reviewed the bylaws. Changes to the bylaws were presented, discussed, and agreed upon. They will be voted on at the April 2024 meeting. Sections 4.5, 5.2, 6.1, 7.1, 8.1.

2. Election of Officers

The Commission did not meet in November or December of 2023 and as a result officers were not elected for 2024. This oversight was remedied. Valerie Galinski made a motion to keep Chairman Albert Grant and Secretary Donna Grant. Albert Grant nominated Valerie Galinski as Vice Chairman. The motions passed.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Community Garden

Anna Wasik noted that she had measured at the garden and found that there is not enough room to rotate the plots. It needs more thought and possible planning. It was decided to keep the plots where they are for this year.

Glenn would like to have the top section plowed this year and seed a cover crop.

Enhanced Plowing event. Planning on having tractors for kids to see and climb on, offering free seeds obtained through a program with the Tolland Agricultural Center, possible food truck. Albert will contact Sylvia's Hot Dogs. Permission will have to be obtained from Melissa Maltese. Porta Potty needs to be arranged for. Glenn will contact Pippin's. Need a flyer.

Dates and time for the Plowing event need to be secured.

Shed: need drawings/plot plan for building and zoning permits. Will need to contact Jim . Stremper as he is not in attendance.

2. School Outreach Update

Danielle Boudreau presented the Commission with a spreadsheet of listings of the respondents of the Farms for Agricultural Partnership. So far 3 Farms have responded. They were asked to respond by April 1.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

VIII. REPORTS OF Staff

IX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Possible Ag. Easement candidates. Time did not allow for this topic.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Glenn Reichle and 2nd Albert Grant. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Grant, recording secretary