

Town of East Windsor
Agricultural Commission
Minutes Revised

Thursday, October 27, 2022

Location: Town Hall, Rye St.

Agenda

I. CALL TO ORDER – 6:47 PM

II. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Attended by: Albert Grant, Donna Grant, Glenn Reichle, Valerie Galinski

Absent: Jim Stremper, Wes Bell

Danielle Miller joined the meeting after The Haunted Highway was done.

III. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

1. Election of officers

2. Need to contact Wes Bell about attendance

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Minutes for September 22, 2022

Albert Grant made a motion to approve the minutes. Glenn Reichle 2nd. Minutes approved.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of officers

Glenn Reichle made a motion to keep the present slate of officers for 2023. Albert Grant, chairman and Donna Grant, recording secretary. It was seconded by Valerie Galinski. Motion was approved.

2. Since Wes Bell does not attend most meetings, we would like to see if he is still interested in being on the Commission. Perhaps he would prefer to be an alternate. Valerie Galinski would be interested in becoming a regular member as she is presently an alternate.

Old Business

1. Vote on 2023 Commission Schedule

Glenn Reichle made motion to cancel Dec. meeting and keep the rest of the schedule as is. Albert Grant 2nd. Motion approved.

2. Community Garden

Fall Cleanup and soil test

The Garden has been cleaned up by Albert and Donna Grant. Items were left in several gardens

that had to be removed. Marking stakes were removed, water faucets and hoses were removed and will be stored.

Albert Grant took soil to CAES for testing. The results were presented and discussed

3. Kogut Farm map : how to create- aerial, etc; request for estimate JR Russo for Survey Subject was tabled.

Kogut RFP

The RFP, Request for Proposal. It has been changed to an RFI, Request for Information, per a meeting between Danielle Miller and First Selectman Jason Bowsza. It was reported to us by Danielle Miller.

Statement from the Commission:

For the past several years the Commission has investigated and pursued the need to restore a neglected farm field and a barn on the Kogut property. The Commission feels that the property and barn in the present condition are a hazard and a liability to the Town as well as a missed opportunity to utilize a productive property and collect rent.

The Commission feels that a Farmland Restoration Grant is the best and most cost-effective way to achieve this goal. It is a 90% reimbursement grant to the Town. An estimate from a company to remediate the field was obtained.

The Planning Dept. and the Commission created a Request for Proposal (RFP) to find companies interested. It is now a Request for Information, (RFI).

The Commission having exhausted its advice, looks to the Selectmen for collaboration for the future pursuit of remediating the Kogut property.

VI. Miscellaneous

VII. Reports of Staff

VIII. Public Participation

IX. Executive session

1. Possible Ag. Easement Candidates

Not discussed.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Glenn /Reichle 2nd Albert Grant. Meeting adjourned at 7:48.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Grant, recording secretary