

Town of East Windsor
Agricultural Commission
Minutes

Thursday, February 25, 2021

Location: Zoom Meeting

Agenda

I. CALL TO ORDER – 6:08 PM

II. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

1. Attended by: Albert Grant, Donna Grant, James Stremper, Glenn Reichle, Clark Chapin, Alan Baker
Absent: Wesley Bell

III. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion made to accept minutes of January 28, 2021 by Glenn Reichle, 2nd Albert Grant
Motion approved

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Horse Drawn Plowing event at Community Garden. Jim Stremper's contacts are available April 17, 3rd week of April and 24th, 4th week of April. We will plan for the 17th and use the 24th as a rain date. Covid regulation are for 100 people at an outside gathering. That should be sufficient based on past events. We should run it by Jason.
2. We reviewed the list of Agricultural business in East Windsor, large and small, which we have been compiling; we made some deletions, some additions and some corrections. Donna Grant will revise the list. Still planning to use the list in the East Windsor Town Newsletter in May, to show the agricultural presence in Town and promote the businesses to townspeople.
3. Clark Chapin, Town Planner, has been reviewing the Town Plan of Conservation and Development, and the action items related to the Agricultural Commission. The Planning and Zoning Commission is looking at POCD.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Community Garden.

Albert Grant left a message with the Public works Dept. regarding apron of gravel driveway in disrepair mostly due to Town trucks using it.

Reiterated we should take a soil sample for testing.

Peg Hoffman, Planning Dept., has updated the brochure and put it on the Town website.

Albert Grant talked to Melissa Maltese, Park and Rec. Dept., regarding that North Central Health District had given us a grant 2 years ago which we used to purchase compost. There was no program last year. Melissa didn't know of anything but will an eye out.

We have some money which could be used to purchase compost.

Jim Stremper has manure and will apply.

Albert Grant talked to Melissa Maltese about the continuing need to bring water to the Community Garden from across the street. The Town has taken over the Dog Park which also has need of water. Melissa will talk to Jason Bowsza about getting water. We should follow up. The cost would include material and equipment at the well head, and trenching to the sleeve which goes under the road. Can't use volunteers for that, must use a Town approved vendor.

Glenn Reichle and Jim Stremper investigated the barn at the Community Garden to make an assessment about the condition. They found it to be in bad disrepair and estimated it would take \$60,000 - \$70,000 to fix it and make it usable. It might need \$20,000 - \$25,000 to get rid of it. Possibility of Fire Dept. burning it. The barn issue is tabled for now.

2. Albert Grant had applied for a CIP (Capital Improvement Planning) grant for Kogut Farm restoration. We have not heard anything. Albert will follow up with Amy O'Toole.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

1. General Discussion

VIII. REPORTS OF STAFF

IX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

X. ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion to adjourn. 1st. Glenn Reichle 2nd. Albert Grant. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Donna Grant, Recording Secretary