

Town of East Windsor
Agricultural Commission
Minutes

Thursday, March 25, 2021
Location: Zoom Meeting

Agenda

I. CALL TO ORDER – 6:07 PM

II. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

III. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Approval of minutes of February 25, 2021 was tabled. Glenn did not received minutes.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Clark Chapin, Town Planner, has been reviewing the Town Plan of Conservation and Development. A POCD implementation committee is being formed. Albert Grant would like to be involved in a limited capacity. Albert Grant reminded that the commission has scored farmland properties over 30 acres (to qualify for Dept. of Ag. purchase of development rights) and under 30-acre parcels (to qualify for Community Farms grant program).
2. Clark Chapin inquired of Catholic Church regarding the status of their farmland property in Windsorville. They want to preserve it for cemetery use.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Community Garden.

Millings have been installed on apron by the town.

Peg Hoffman, Planning Dept. has updated the brochure with the new date for the year, otherwise the same. We decided not to print paper brochures this year. The info. will be posted on the Town website and social media.

Reiterated we should take a soil sample for testing. Where does Nutrien AG solutions, send their samples? Maybe ask Bill Syme. Albert Grant will get soil samples done.

Regarding water to the Garden:

Clark Chapin reported that the town has found some money to bring water from the Reservoir, across the street. How will that work? Hydrant or line to the tank. Public works will do the work. Commission hopes to have input.

2. Horse Drawn Plowing event at Community Garden April 17, and rain date 24th. Peg Hoffman is working on a poster for publicity. There will be 3 teams of horses.
3. Albert Grant had applied for a CIP (Capital Improvement Planning) grant for Kogut Farm restoration. The CIP money has not been allocated yet; in budgetary process. Is the state still funding that grant?
4. The list of Agricultural businesses in town has been submitted to the Selectman's office for inclusion in the May Town newsletter.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

1. General Discussion

VIII. REPORTS OF STAFF

IX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

X. ADJOURMENT

1. Motion to adjourn. 1st. Glenn Reichle 2nd. Albert Grant. Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Donna Grant, Recording Secretary