

Town of East Windsor Agricultural Commission

Minutes

Thursday, July 28, 2022
Location: Town Hall, Rye St.

Agenda

I. CALL TO ORDER – 6:40 PM

II. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

1. Attended by: Albert Grant, Donna Grant, Jim Stremper, Wes Bell
Absent, Glenn Reichle
Public : Hollis Burt

III. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 26, 2022

Albert Grant made a motion to approve the minutes of May 26, 2022.
Jim Stremper 2nd. Motion approved.

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No minutes for June 23, 2022, due to no meeting, lack of quorum

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Albert grant reported he has been reimbursed by the Town for Community Garden expense for hoses and an animal trap. The trap was subsequently stolen.
2. Future of the Community Garden

We need to find a succession plan for the management of the Community Garden.

The Agricultural Commission began work on creating the Garden in 2012. Members of the Commission along with administrative help from the Planning Department got it up and running using personal finances, (not reimbursed), equipment and time. Albert and Donna Grant have visited Community Gardens in surrounding towns. They are managed by their Town, Park and Rec. Departments. They are much better equipped to do regular mowing with the proper equipment. Plowing and tilling could probably be done by an outside contractor and paid for with the income the Comm. Garden generates although some additional funds might be needed. Further discussion and plans are needed. Water management would also be needed. It is a project of the Planning Dept. now.

3. Regional Conservation Partnership Program

Discussion. Criteria of the CT. Farmland Trust. Donna Grant read aloud the email letter received from Kathleen Doherty of the CT Farmland Trust. Of particular interest is their mapping project shows East Windsor to have some of the best Farmland in the State.

We can use Town money to preserve property but it is also good to leverage money from elsewhere.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Restoration grant for the tobacco field and barn on Kogut Farm

Reviewed the draft RFP. Suggestions on revisions of draft from the Commission should be given to Danielle Miller.

Applications from interested parties can be for the land or barn or both.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

VIII. REPORTS OF STAFF

IX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

X. ADJOURMENT

1. Motion to adjourn. Albert Grant, 2nd Jim Stremper. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Donna Grant, Recording Secretary