

Town of East Windsor Agricultural Commission

Minutes

Thursday, August 25, 2022

Location: Town Hall, Rye St.

Agenda

I. CALL TO ORDER – 6:38 PM

II. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

1. Attended by: Albert Grant, Donna Grant, Jim Stremper, Glenn Reichle
Danielle Miller

III. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 26, 2022

Jim Stremper made a motion to approve the minutes of July 28, 2022.
Albert Grant 2nd. Motion approved.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Community Garden

1. Future of the Community Garden

Further discussion in addition to July's meeting. Park and Recreation Department could take registrations using an automated sign-up program. We would need to further investigate how that could work, with gardeners choosing their own plots rather than being assigned. Now we accommodate requests based on previous use of plots and people who have physical issues.

2. Discussion regarding CIP grants.

It was suggested we use funds to put up a perimeter fence. The consensus was that it would be difficult with a fence to accommodate the tractors for tilling and if far enough away from plots, then we couldn't block the dirt road the Town uses.

Another idea was to use funds to bury the water lines. It was felt that we didn't have enough time to get quotes for the work.

Discussed using funds for raised beds for handicapped accessibility. It was felt that since we don't have any pavement that it would be difficult for wheel chair accessibility. It was felt that it might be a better suited project for the Senior Center.

Jim Stremper will get quotes for mowing the perimeter.

3. A suggestion was made for advertising the garden, that we suggest people rent plots as gifts for the gardeners.

A Town Meeting will be held on September 1, 2022 to request appropriating money for several needed expenditures. One will be to put \$150,000 into the Town Open Space Fund to restore the amount that had been in it before funds were used to help preserve a farm property on Rye St.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Tabled discussion of the Restoration Grant for the tobacco field and barn on Kogut Farm

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

VIII. REPORTS OF STAFF

IX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

X. ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion to adjourn. Albert Grant, 2nd Jim Stremper. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Donna Grant, Recording Secretary