

Town of East Windsor Agricultural Commission

January 26, 2023

Location: Town Hall, Rye St.

I. CALL TO ORDER – 6:31 PM

II. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Attended by: Albert Grant, Donna Grant, Glenn Reichle, Valerie Galinski, Jim Stremper,
Danielle Miller, Alan Baker briefly

Absent: Wes Bell

III. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Minutes for 10-27-22. Recording Secretary Donna Grant pointed out a problem with the minutes format. Minutes were reviewed and amended. Glenn Reichle made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Motion was 2nd by Valerie Galinski. Amended minutes were approved.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Old Business was taken up first to accommodate Alan Baker who attended briefly.

1. Community Garden

Discussion regarding the succession and the future of the running of the Community Garden. Suggestions were to involve Ag. Students who live in Town and the Gardeners themselves.

At present three Commission members are doing the planning, and the physical work of the yearly Garden preparation and maintenance. The Planning and Zoning Dept. takes registrations and payments. We would like to investigate if Park and Rec. Dept. would have any suggestions. Albert Grant will talk to Melissa Maltese.

The soil test was reviewed and it was decided that the Garden doesn't need any lime or fertilizer. Aged manure will still be applied.

Jim Stremper has spoken to some Horse Plowers about continuing to have an annual Horse Plowing event at the Garden. It is being planned for mid-April.

2. Kogut Farm. The Commission is not pursuing the restoration at this time.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. A Farmer's Coffee event was held yearly before Covid made in-person events not possible. One is being planned for April 1 this year, to be held at the Melrose Schoolhouse. It will be publicized. Discussion about sending the announcement to owners of property who have

PA 490. Postage to be determined. An email will be sent to last year's Community Gardeners. Glenn Reichle will provide pastries. Literature and booklets to hand out will be collected by Albert Grant. We will need a poster announcement.

2. Promote local farm businesses.

As spring approaches, we want to call attention to local agricultural retail businesses and encourage shopping local. We can use the list we created to draw from.

VII. REPORTS OF STAFF

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Possible Ag. Easement Candidates

Not discussed.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Albert Grant, 2nd Jim Stremper. Meeting adjourned at 7:42.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Grant, recording secretary