

Town of East Windsor Agricultural Commission

March 23, 2023, 2023

Location: Town Hall, Rye St.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:35 PM

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Attended by: Albert Grant, Donna Grant, Glenn Reichle, Jim Stremper , Danielle Boudreau

Absent: Wes Bell, Valerie Galinski

Public: Anna Wasik

ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes for Feb. 23, 2023. Albert Grant made a motion to accept the minutes. Motion was 2nd by Glenn Reichle. Minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Farmer's Coffee

To be held April 1, at the Melrose Schoolhouse. 9:00-12:00. Donna Grant passed out copies of flyers made to promote the event. Members were asked to please hand them out or post them. Donna Grant reported that the event was posted on 3 East Windsor Facebook pages. Approx. 10 emails were sent to people who might be interested. Albert Grant has collected literature from the NRCS, Natural Resource Conservation Service, The Department of Agriculture, and the American Farmland Trust which has good information about options for land conservation. Glenn Reichle is bringing donuts, Albert Grant is bringing a coffee pot and making coffee there.

2. Community Garden

The Horse Plowing event will be held on April 29. Jim Stremper can get 4 teams of horses and 2 oxen teams. He is suggesting we pay \$100.00 to each team to cover fuel. Albert Grant will check and see what the Community Garden account balance is.

Jim Stremper will then do the tilling, and then the individual plots can be marked out. We will need approx. 60 stakes. Jim will see if he can get more. Otherwise, Anna Wasik found that we could buy 4' lengths and cut them in half.

We will plan a meeting with the new volunteers. We can use the meeting room at the Town Hall and we don't need to schedule the room.

VII. Farm promotion

We will continue to promote the Agricultural businesses in Town.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

1. General Discussion

Valerie Galinski was not able to be in attendance but she sent word that she would like to start an Ag. Commission Facebook Page. It was agreed that that would be helpful to promote our events and programs as well as promote E.W.'s agriculture. The commissioners are thrilled that she would take that on. Donna Grant will let her know.

VIII. REPORTS OF STAFF

IX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Possible Ag. Easement Candidates

Not discussed.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Jim Stremper and 2nd by Glenn Reichle. Meeting adjourned at 7:39.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Grant, recording secretary