

Town of East Windsor Agricultural Commission

April 27, 2023,
Location: Town Hall, Rye St.

I. CALL TO ORDER – 6:40 PM

II. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

Absent: Wes Bell

Public: Anna Wasik

III. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Review Farm Regulations

Discussion regarding the Town regulations for the keeping of livestock, in particular discussing about chickens, as there is a big interest lately and lots in the news about residents in other towns trying to change their regulations to make it easier to keep chickens.

We reviewed the current regulations. Danielle Boudreau reported that it is not entirely up to towns to set regulations. The North Central Health District sets regulations.

Danielle Boudreau may be able to tweak the regulations regarding the keeping of chickens.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Community Garden

The Horse Plowing event has been cancelled due to the forecast for rain for the planned date of Sat. April 29. It is a disappointment. Many townspeople look forward to it and it is a great family event.

Jim Stremper and Glenn Reichle will plow and till the Garden with their tractors as soon as it is appropriate. An additional walkway and row for plots will be added as there is an increase in interest. The plots will be marked with stakes as soon as possible after the plowing, and gardeners will be assigned plots. Due to the rain the Garden will open later than the planned date of May 1.

A meeting with the new Community Garden volunteers was held on April 19. It was a successful meeting with lots of interest and sharing of good ideas and ways to participate.

2. Farmers ' Coffee held on April 1 was successful with 25 people attending.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

VIII. REPORTS OF STAFF

IX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Albert Grant and 2nd by Jim Stremper. Meeting adjourned at 7:32.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Grant, recording secretary