

# **Town of East Windsor Agricultural Commission**

June 22, 2023,  
Location: Town Hall, Rye St.

I. CALL TO ORDER – 6:40 PM

II. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Attended by: Albert Grant, Donna Grant, Valerie Galinski, Ruthanne Calabrese

Absent: Wes Bell, Jim Stremper, Glenn Reichle

Public: Anna Wasik

III. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes for May25, 2023. Albert Grant made a motion to accept the minutes. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Valerie Galinski. Minutes were approved.

V. NEW BUSINESS

VI. OLD BUSINESS

## **1. Community Garden Update**

Two plots that were rented for this season have had no activity in them. Anna Wasik has reached out to them. If no response from them by Monday June 26, the plots will be offered to town residents for \$15. A resident who was previously interested will be contacted to see if they are interested. Suggestion to add to the rules for next year the last day for people to start gardening their plot or contact us to say when they will be able to.

Discussion about programs for the gardeners. New gardeners could use some instruction about vegetable gardening.

Discussion about the need to acquire a mower to help in keeping the tall grass in the pathways and along the edges under control. Anna Wasik, this year, and Albert Grant in previous years have found it difficult and time consuming to do it with a string trimmer. Albert Grant said there is money in the treasury that could be used to purchase one. Albert Grant made a motion to spend up to \$150 to acquire a mower. Perhaps a volunteer could help with that. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donna Grant. Motion passed.

Valerie Galinski suggested that next year we could use an auto Google form for registrations. She will talk to Danielle Boudreau about it.

## 2. Chicken Regulations

Discussion about deciding on rules for keeping chickens. Danielle Boudreau sent, via Ruthanne Calabrese, the rules that Monroe CT uses. The Commission liked it and it was decided to combine those rules with Enfield's rules and agreed that it would be appropriate for East Windsor. The Commission agreed to recommend to Danielle to create a text amendment.

## 3. Canning class discussion? End of harvest idea.?

Valerie Galinski spoke about 4-H members who might be interested in leading a class and it would in turn help them in their leadership skills. Valerie will check into it. It was also suggested to expand the topic to include freezing and drying the harvest.

## VII. MISCELLANEOUS

### 1. General discussion.

## VIII. REPORTS OF Staff

Monroe chicken regulations from Danielle Boudreau

## IX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Anna Wasik participated in Community Garden update

## X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

## XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Albert Grant and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donna Grant. Meeting adjourned at 7:44.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Grant, recording secretary

