

Town of East Windsor Agricultural Commission

July 27, 2023,

Location: Town Hall, Rye St.

I. CALL TO ORDER – 6:32 PM

II. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

Absent: Valerie Galinski, Wes Bell

III. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes for June 22, 2023. Glenn Reichle made a motion to accept the minutes. Motion was 2nd by Albert Grant. Minutes were approved.

V. NEW BUSINESS

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Community Garden Update

No update report from Anna Wasik who was not in attendance.

Discussion about the need for a lawn mower. Albert Grant reported that can buy used, reconditioned ones in E. Longmeadow. Discussion about the need for a shed to house a lawnmower, signs, hoses, water faucets, tarp, etc. Donna Grant mentioned the possibility of a grant for buying or constructing a shed. The Commission would need to see if installing a shed would be allowed.

Jim Stremper said he would prefer to construct a shed himself. He would donate his labor and the needed wood. He would like the Commission to purchase a metal roof, screws, and hardware. The consensus is that it would need to be approx. 10' x 16'. It would be ready for next spring. Discussion about getting millings from the Town for a base. In the meanwhile, if the Commission obtains a small self-propelled mower, it could be chained to the water tank.

2. Chicken Regulations

Discussion to finalize proposed wording. It was suggested to remove requirement that a structure must be 10' from the principal residence; also, to remove requirement for a solid fence and take out geese regulations as these proposed regulations only apply to chickens.

3. No discussion about canning class / demonstration as Valerie Galinski and Anna Wasik were not in attendance.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Discussion about what by-laws say about members who do not regularly attend meetings. It was suggested to move someone to an alternate position.

VIII. REPORTS OF Staff

IX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Possible Ag. Easement Candidates

No discussion

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Albert Grant and 2nd by Glenn Reichle. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Grant, recording secretary