

Town of East Windsor Agricultural Commission

August 24, 2023,
Location: Town Hall, Rye St.

I. CALL TO ORDER – 6:35 PM

II. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Attended by: Albert Grant, Donna Grant, Glenn Reichle, Valerie Galinski, Danielle Boudreau,
Alan Baker liaison from BOS

Absent: Jim Stremper, Wes Bell

Public: Anna Wasik, Rich Tuller

III. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes for July 27, 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

Albert Grant purchased a used lawnmower for \$150.00. He also purchased a new blade to be
installed when needed.

There has been some theft of vegetables. Signs reading “Don’t pick what you didn’t grow” are
being installed.

There is a need to have more signs made for garden promotion in the spring and ones to deter
people from theft. Perhaps a sign saying “garden is being monitored.”

The prospect of having a shed has been nixed as the Town would not have insurance on it for
liability. The lawn mower is currently being chained to the water tank to deter theft.

Danielle Boudreau will inquire if there is a Town storage area where Garden items can be
stored for the winter. Question of who insures the skate park for liability? Question who mows
the Sabonis property? Mowing at the Community Garden is onerous without the right
equipment. Relying on volunteer to bring their own large mower to garden is asking a lot.

The Town has brought millings to repair the driveway.

There is grant money available is there anything we could use it for? No ideas at the moment. A Town employee asked us to remove the water tank. We would like to keep it there for backup.

2. Chicken Regulations

Discussion to finalize proposed wording. Danielle Boudreau brought PZC comments after they reviewed the proposed regulations. Some changes will be made. Valerie Galinski suggested we use University of CT guidelines for backyard chickens.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

1.. It was suggested to move Wesley Bell to an alternate position. Anna Wasik would be interested in becoming a member of the Commission.

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 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Grant, recording secretary

