

# **Town of East Windsor Agricultural Commission Minutes**

Tuesday, January 23, 2020

Location:  
Park Hill, Broad Brook, CT.

## **Agenda**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:30 PM**

### **II. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

1. Attended by: Albert Grant, Glenn Reichle, Donna Grant, and Hollis Burt  
Absent: Jim Stremper.

### **III. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS**

### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Reviewed unofficial minutes of December meeting

### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

### **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

1. The Feb. 29, 2020 Agricultural Summit plans are coming along. Albert Grant passed out posters to Board Members to post around Town.
2. Discussed Farmer's Coffee Event. Possible dates discussed for March. On a Saturday 9am -12 noon. Send postcards to the PA 490 list in Town. Invite Community Gardeners. Other publicity.

3. Continuing discussion about clearing the Kogut tobacco field. Albert spoke with John from Rocky Mountain Wood. Estimate of approx. \$7,000 -\$8,000 an acre x 11 ½ acres - @ \$80,000 - \$90,000. John will send a written estimate. Best case - State would pay 90%, Town 10%. If Town rents it for 3 years at \$300 an acre, payback would be @ 3 years. Possibility they would take some timber and it would offset the cost.

Glenn Reichle reported Stephen Wise (sp?) interested in the barn on the property. He would re-roof and fix it in exchange for use. Rand Stanly, Town Building Inspector, looked at the barn and said a structural engineer would need to inspect it.

Question of whether grant money might be available for barn.

4. Community Garden. Maxie Weiner, along with Jim Stremper and Mark Brennan, has installed the water pipe underground from the water tank to the hydrant.

## VII. MISCELLANEOUS

### 1. General Discussion

Albert Grant provided info from Jim Gage of Ellington, Treasurer of the Northern CT Land Trust. The Ellington Open Space Fund is \$700,000. They got DEEP grant and bought property adjoining Shenipsit Forest. Would have had to put up half themselves. They then decided didn't want to own land so sold it to the State. They take fees on new developments for the Open Space Fund.

## VIII. REPORTS OF STAFF

## IX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Hollis Burt, Suffield Vo-Ag student has talked to his teacher about the Ag Summit. They would like to participate by providing floral arrangements and also have a table there. Albert Grant will email Chris Casey (Ag. Summit coordinator) to request.

### 2. ADJOURNMENT

3. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Submitted by Donna Grant, Recording Secretary