Town of East Windsor CT **REVISED** Minutes Agricultural Commission July 2, 2019

Meeting called to order 7:30 pm

In attendance: Members: Albert Grant, Donna Grant, Glenn Reichle, Jim Stremfer

Public: Hollis Burt

No minutes to approve.

Old Business

Tabled discussion re: Town areas with most valuable farm resources.

Community Garden

All plots are rented. Gardeners are happy. Maxie Weiner will bury hose from tank soon.

New Business

Discussed; Restoration Grant for Kogut Farm field. Albert Grant made some inquiries re: who might do it. Tabled until fall when field is not overgrown.

Albert Grant reported he met with PZC to discuss farm leases and Kogut Farm field clearing.

Discussion re: letter to Board of Selectman re: farm lease process for town owned agricultural parcels. Suggesting a bidding process. Outlining South Windsor's. RFP (Request for Proposal). Lease term should be 5 years. Our understanding that BOS gives no preference to Town Farmers.

Reviewed summary of rates for leasing farmland. Most recent chart is from 2015 in PA490 booklet. Different rates for different crops and soil category.

Submitted by Donna Grant