

**Town of East Windsor
Conservation Commission
Minutes**

Thursday, August 25, 2022

Location:

Town Hall Rye St. And Zoom meeting

Agenda

I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:41pm

II. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

1. Attended by: Albert Grant, Donna Grant, Fran Neill, Kurt Kebschull via Zoom,

III. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes for July 28, 2022 Motion made by Fran Neill to approve minutes. 2nd
Albert Grant. Minutes approved.

V. NEW BUSINESS

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Open Space and Farmland Brochure

1. Kurt Kebschull requested we put special guest Anne Marie Kebschull first on the agenda. Anne Marie is helping to create a trifold document from our article.

We discussed the draft that she has created. She pared down the article as she felt it was redundant. A couple of other changes were discussed. We will look it over in more detail. Anne Marie was thanked for her help and efforts.

Open Space and Farmland Preservation

2. Albert Grant reported that there will be a Town meeting on Sept. 1, 2022 to appropriate \$150,000 for the Town Open Space Fund.

Combined with the present balance, that should restore the fund to nearly where it was previous to the last expenditure made to help preserve Riverbend Farm via the State purchase of development rights.

3. We looked at the Agricultural Commission page on the Town website to see what is on the list of resources for land preservation.
4. Our article was written to address the general public as well as landowners who might want to preserve their land. As we have discussed before, we want to create a letter meant specifically for contact with landowners. We have a draft letter that we can edit.
5. Albert Grant talked again with Kathleen Doherty of the CT Farmland Trust. The Regional Conservation Partnership program discussed previously is not going to happen. The CT Farmland Trust decided the Federal program was not a good fit. Kathleen Doherty would like a tour of East Windsor's Farmland and an informal meeting.

Executive Session

Fran Neill moved that we go into executive session. Donna Grant 2nd. Motion approved.

The Commission went into Executive Session to use the GIS program to look at and inventory properties , especially over 30 acres.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

1. General Discussion.

VIII. REPORTS OF STAFF

VIX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

IX. ADJOURMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Albert Grant and 2nd Kurt Kebschull. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm

Respectfully Submitted by Donna Grant, recording secretary