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Commission Members

Jean Stetz-Puchalski,
Chair

Victor Alfandre,
Recording Secretary

Laurel Fedor

Sal Gilbertie

Irv Silverman

Alternates:

Lori Cochran Dougall

Roy Longo

Minutes
Meeting of the Easton Agricultural Commission
July 8, 2015 -7:30 p.m.
Town Hall-Meeting Room A

In attendance: Jean Stetz-Puchalski, Victor Alfandre, Laurel Fedor, Roy Longo.

Absent:, Lori Cochran-Dougall, Sal Gilbertie, Irv Silverman

Public: Tim Brady

I. Call to Order: 7:35

II. Minutes: motion to approve by Victor Alfandre, second by Laurel Fedor; approved unanimously.

III. Reports

Ray longo introduced as new, alternate member. Briefed him on history, role, and mission of the commission.

In the resources on planning for agriculture category, Tim Brady. President of Fairfield Cty Farm Bureau, shared a newly assembled "Toolkit for CT Farmers." This resource is available for municipalities, farmers and students statewide. There are three ag schools in fild cty, serving approx. 800 kids, between Bridgeport, Trumbull and Stamford. A copy also given to Rob Maquat for P&Z. An electronic copy also exists.

Jean attended the last P&Z meeting: shared info on our website.
Found out that town has hired outside expert to rewrite town regulations.
Commission must raise farmers' voice to be heard on issues related to farming.
Will send a letter to all 490 holders.

Town unwilling to memorialize fields at SSES for permanent farm use. Will uphold lease through 2019 then reevaluate.

IV. New business:

The farm tour will be on 8/22. Lori will tie letter to farmers (above) in with invitation to farm tour.

Laurel will review minutes from P&Z to see if consultants are named.

Ray will compile list of 490 holders

PTA wants to build a school garden. Roadblocks raised concerning issue of curriculum. Commission offered support from farmer and garden club.

V Public Comment

See first report

VI Motion to Adjourn: 8:50

Minutes respectfully submitted by Victor Alfandre, Recording Secretary

Victor Alfandre