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Alternates:

Ray Longo

Matt Oriccio

Honorary:

Sal Gilbertie

**Minutes
Meeting of the Easton Agricultural Commission
1/9/19 -7:45 p.m.
Town Hall-Meeting Room A**

In attendance: Jean Stetz-Puchalski, Victor Alfandre, Matt Oriccio

Absent: Lori Cochran-Dougal, Irv Silverman, Ray Longo

Public: Michelle McCabe

I: Call to Order: 7:55

II: Minutes: Motion to approve by MO 2nd by VA, approved unanimously

III: Updates & Reports:

- SSES Farm Plot: RFP is posted, expecting proposals by 2/15. Ag com is available for help with proposal. Will look into possibility of moving 2/13 meeting to end of Feb.
- Vacancies: one vacancy left for an alternate
- Mental health awareness: tabled until next meeting
- Signage: tabled
- Easton farmland preservation fund: roughly \$69,000 in fund. Who controls? Created in 1985 and has been derelict. How to build? How to use? Potential applicant in Easton.

Correspondence: None

IV New Business:

Rep. Anne Hughes would like to know what farm friendly ideas she can be a voice for in Hartford. Some immediate ideas are:

1. Keep number for GAP certification high (>\$250,000)
2. Increase number of state inspectors in slaughter houses
3. Easton Xmas tree capital signage and other signage rules to support farms
4. Student loan forgiveness for farmers
5. Will contact other farmers and continue to generate ideas

Murphy's office contacted us about learning about ag issues in Easton. Va will reach out and arrange a meeting

Ffld city SCORE is coming to our next meeting to share their plan for programming in Easton

V Public Comment:

Michelle McCabe shared her interest in getting to know Easton's farm community and her passion for food security issues.

Adjournment: 8:55

Minutes submitted by Victor Alfandre, Recording Secretary *Victor Alfandre*