

Minutes
Meeting of the Easton Agricultural Commission
May 13, 2020 7:45 p.m.
Held Virtually Via Zoom Video Conference

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In attendance Jean Stetz-Puchalski, Matt Oricchio, Irv Silverman, Denise Hebner
Absent Victor Alfandre, Lori Cochran Dougall, Sage Rega

I: Call to Order – 7:48 p.m.

II: Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting – Irv Silverman made a motion, and Matt Oricchio 2nd to approve minutes. Motion passed.

III: Public Comment - Brittany Conover, liaison to Fairfield County Farm Bureau (FCFB), shared role and will be present to represent the Easton Agricultural Commission in FCFB considerations.

IV: Updates & Reports

- Discussed onboarding of new members and alternates: role + mission, history of the commission and the right to farm discussed. Discussed attendance policy. Discussed next stage of Commission development starting with agricultural project review and how we work forward as a team.
- Discussed Covid-19 preparedness and outreach to farms and farm stands. Importance of signage to maintain social distancing. Commission keeping web portal updated.
- Discussed Easton Agricultural Land Preservation Fund and a recent request for funding from the State regarding a local farm. Matt Oricchio made a motion and Irv Silverman seconded to get more information about how Easton Agricultural Land Preservation Fund is managed and how Town makes decisions to allocate funds to farms.
- Discussed the Easton Farm Map 2020 and addition of GIS data. Discussed Easton's 175th Anniversary and the idea to showcase farming history with pictures, video, virtual tours, and oral recordings, starting with Silverman's Farm which celebrates 100 years this year.

V: Correspondence

VI: New Business

VII: Adjournment Irv Silverman made the motion to Denise Hebner 2nd to adjourn meeting at 9:21 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Denise Hebner *Denise Hebner*