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TOWN CLERK

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Easton Agricultural Commission Wednesday, March 10, 2021 – 7:45 PM Via Zoom

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

- 1. Call to Order at 7:52 PM
- 2. Approval of Minutes Lori Cochran Dougall made a motion, and Irv Silverman 2nd to approve the minutes. Motion passed.
- 3. Public Comment. No public comments were provided,
- 4. Updates & Reports
- Discussed ongoing Ag Com Covid-19 advisory activities helping Town, farms, and farm stands to adapt to changing conditions. Irv Silverman reported business outperformed 2020 given their ability maintain socially distanced outdoor activity. Staying connected to State resources and alerts.
- Discussed taking action on Member and Alternate status. Decision moved to April.
- Discussed onboarding project. Denise Hebner, Jean Stetz-Puchalski and Victor Alfandre continue work on this effort.
- Discussed SSES project proposal will be reviewed and discussed in April, with a proposal submitted by Silverman Farm.
- Discussed pollinator gardens: Lori Cochran Dougall discussed butterfly larvae relocation project from hobbyist Rob Wyatt. Lori will reach out to Rob to learn more
- 5. Correspondence
- 6. New Business
- Easton Newcomer Welcome packet. Commission is undecided regarding committing resources to developing a brochure with no budget. In favor of leveraging our Ag Com portal on the Town website. Given our limited resources, Jean will discuss the possibility of adding value to a Town sponsored project by contacting the First Selectmen and Town Planner. Perhaps an opportunity as part of Farmland Viability Grant, Jean will report back in April.

Adjournment: Jean Stetz-Puchalski made the motion and Lori Cochran Alfandre 2nd to adjourn meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by Denise Hebner, Acting Recording Secretary Denise Hebner

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