



AGRICULTURAL
COMMISSION
FOR THE TOWN OF
EASTON
CONNECTICUT

Commission Members

Jean Stetz-Puchalski,
Chair

Victor Alfandre,
Recording Secretary

Laurel Fedor

Sal Gilbertie

Irv Silverman

Alternates:

Lori Cochran Dougall

Minutes

**Meeting of the Easton Agricultural Commission
September 10, 2014 -7:30 p.m.
Town Hall-Meeting Room A**

In attendance: Jean Stetz-Puchalski, Victor Alfandre, Lori Cochran-Dougall, Laurel Fedor
Absent: Sal Gilbertie, Irv Silverman,

Public: Tim Brady

I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Jean Stetz-Puchalski

II. Minutes: motion to approve with changes by Lori Cochran-Dougall, second by Laurel Fedor, approved unanimously.

III. Reports:

- Morehouse Civic Park Plan: Active farming project of plots A & B not currently defined on plan. Made recommendation to John Hayes to include this active project on the plan. Follow up meeting with John Hayes and communication with John Broadbin to help clear up the omission. The Farmer who holds lease with town was concerned at the lack of mention and worried that the fields would be compromised.
- Jean called for an Ag commission representative to be responsible scanning the town committees and commission agendas for ag related topics and issues. Laurel Fedor accepted the position and will be point person to monitor town website for ag related issues and report back so we may plan to have ag com representation at meetings as needed.
- Jean to meet with Sport Hill Farm to help facilitate communication with the Board of Education and the principal Kim Fox regarding the educational component of the farming project on town land.
- CT General Statutes update for P&Z: Requested to be placed on 9/22 agenda for planning meeting to provide update on planning for ag.

GIS mapping of ag rich soils: Is this still a priority for Easton. Will confer with Town Planner, John Hayes.
- Alternate for commission: Allison Taylor will submit a letter of interest to Board of Selectmen to be considered for position. Will encourage other applicants as well.

IV New business:

Signage : Popp's received violation from town for their new sign. Passed on application for them to fill out and submit. New digital signs for Silverman's traffic. Commission will promote ag friendly town policy for tasteful signage

V Public Discussion:

Tim Brady, Center Rd, President of Fairfield Cty Chapter of the Connecticut Farm Bureau attended to reported on upcoming ag events:

- 9/29/14: Free seminar on equine liability held at Redding Town Hall, 7-9 pm.
- 10/4/14: Farm tour of three local farm sin the Connecticut: Jones farm, Sepe farm in Newtown, oyster farm in Norwalk. Fee: \$45 fee (includes lunch and bus transportation between farms).
- 10/6/14: Annual meeting of the Fairfield County chapter of the Connecticut Bureau. Location: Weston grange. Fee: \$20 donation which includes farm to table reception. \$20 donation for scholarships.

Motion to adjourn passed unanimously. Meeting Adjourned at 8:35pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Victor Alfandre, Recording Secretary

Victor Alfandre