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Commission Members

Jean Stetz-Puchalski,
Chair

Victor Alfandre,
Recording Secretary

Laurel Fedor

Sal Gilbertie

Irv Silverman

Alternates:

Lori Cochran Dougall

Ray Longo

Minutes

Meeting of the Easton Agricultural Commission

March 9, 2016 -7:30 p.m.

Town Hall-Meeting Room A

In attendance: Jean Stetz-Puchalski, Victor Alfandre, Lori Cochran-Dougall, Ray Longo.

Absent: Sal Gilbertie, Laurel Fedor, Irv Silverman,

I: Call to Order: 7:45 pm

II: Minutes: Motion to approve by Lori Cochran Dougall, 2nd by Victor Alfandre, approved unanimously

III: Updates & Reports:

- Farming on Town Land: Motion made by Victor to approve Lori's draft of boiler plate for all further press submissions from Sport Hill Farm. 2nd by Ray Longo; carried unanimously.
- Followed up on Dept. of Ag Farm Preservation program. Lori reported on her conversation with Jones farm (Shelton). They encouraged us to have our Town apply to the state for this program. Jean Stetz-Puchalski will send a letter to First selectman outlining this process.
- Mapping agriculturally rich soils: process will continue as it is part of qualifying for the above program.
- Planning for Ag: may need a special meeting prior to our 4/13 meeting to prep for our feedback session with Town planner 4/18/16.
- Update to Ag resources portal on town website: tabled until next meeting.
- Ray provided updated list of 490 holders and will meet with Tax Assessor to discuss process and reporting.

IV New Business:

- Lori raised the idea of a public relations campaign centered around the Right to Farm Ordinance. As a related item, Jean suggested meeting with the new police chief.
- Discussed a monthly media calendar with farming/gardening tips. This would be an article in the Courier with multiple contributors to provide info, raise the profile of Ag Com and drive local business to local farms.
- Jean will confirm annual report copy is filed.

V Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 8:25 PM

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