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**Minutes**  
**Meeting of the Easton Agricultural Commission**  
**January 11, 2017**  
**Easton Town Hall, Meeting Room A**

**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

Ray Longo

**In attendance,** Victor Alfandre, Laurel Fedor, Irv Silverman, Jean Stetz-Puchalski, Lori Cochran-Dougall.

**Absent:** Ray Longo, Sal Gilbertie.

**I. Call to Order: 7:43 pm**

**II: Minutes:** Motion to approve by Lori, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Laurel, approved unanimously

**III: Updates & Reports:**

- Jean is on the docket for the first BoS meeting in February to seek approval for the Ag. Com. to become members of the BRBC. Will also seek funding from BoS for membership fee. Representative of BRBC will be invited to Ag. Com. meeting. BRBC is hosting a new members open house on 1/18/17.
- Jean walked us through the new meeting format and familiarized us with how it works. Jean will edit the "who" and "by when" columns.  
Ag. Com. will invite farmers to attend BRBC open house. Jean will distribute minutes and invitation to farmers through Ag. Com. website. Farmers' emails will be added to a sheet on the decision log. List will be extended to 490 holders.

**IV Correspondence:** None

**V New Business:**

- ALT's ultimate goal is preservation of open space. To that end, Mary Buchanan is working through the list of 490 holders to distinguish working farms from that group in an effort to expand open space. Ag. Com is hoping to utilize this effort to update the farm map as an interactive map on the website.
- With regards to new grants, Jean will raise with the BoS (at Feb. meeting) creating an open application to be on file with the state with no specific applicant. This will expedite the process when a specific applicant emerges. A separate grant exists for marketing programs and Ag. Com will work on application for money for signage, eg. signs denoting Easton as the Christmas Tree Capital of CT.
- Continue with same roles for next meeting

**VI Public Comment:** None

**Adjournment:** 8:36 PM

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