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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 8, 2017 - 7:30 p.m.  
Town Hall-Meeting Room A

**In attendance:** Jean Stetz-Puchalski, Victor Alfandre, Laurel Fedor, Ray Longo

**Absent:** Lori Cochran-Dougall, Sal Gilbertie, Irv Silverman.

**Public:** NP

**I: Call to Order: 7:44 pm**

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

**III: Updates & Reports:**

- JSP attended BoS meeting to present paperwork for contract between State and Town of Easton confirming that Easton has met criteria for future DoAg grant applications.
  - Discussed viability grant for funds to sustain a marketing campaign (xmas tree capitol of CT). Ag. Com. will look at process and time involved to apply.
  - Ag. Com. will also investigate signage opportunities for Merritt Pkwy.
- Discussed creating a flyer for Town Hall to increase visibility of Ag. Com. and encourage people to access its services. JSP will bring template to next meeting. Ag. Com. will draft memo and 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman will circulate to staff.
- Ag. Com will investigate temporary signage for SSES Farm Plot. At past meetings, SG has committed to provide funds for sign.
- BoS has approved \$250 for application for BRBC. Ag. Com. and all farmers become members under one membership. Ag. Com. sees a win-win for all sides. For example, BRBC is interested in internships on farms while Trumbull's restaurant week will extend invitation to Easton farms.
  - BRBC Open House in April –All farmers welcome.
- Set agenda item for April meeting: will work on a list of priorities and communicate benefits of membership to farmers.

**Correspondence:**

None

**IV New Business:**

- Reviewed annual report. Changed LF from alternate to member; changed RL from member to alternate to reflect correct status. Motion to approve by VA, 2<sup>nd</sup> by JSP, approved unanimously.
- Received some feedback from principal about SSES farm project. Overall very happy. Wants more information (possibly a newsletter from Ag. Com.) to communicate across the school.
  - Ag. Com will speak with farmer to develop communication tool.
- Ag. Com. will reach out to stakeholders (teachers, students, PTA, BOE, other farmers) to design an evaluation survey.

**V Public Comment:**

None

**Adjournment:** 8:40 PM

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