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**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  
October 8, 2014 -7:30 p.m.  
Town Hall-Meeting Room A**

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

**Public:** Patti Popp, Sport Hill Farm; Vivian Templeton, Aradia farms

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

**II. Minutes:** motion to approve by Victor Alfandre, second by Laurel Fedor, approved unanimously.

**III. Reports:**

- Quarterly update on SSES farmplot: Education component went really well. All kindergartens plus assortment of other grades participated; Farmer explained growing process, natural deer deterrent (brassica family plants), watering, etc. Staff want to know about getting food into cafeteria.

Lori Cochran-Dougal asked if the Ag Com. can help promote the farm and its connection to the school for even more participation.

- Following up to farming of plots A and B seen on Morehouse civic park plan
- GIS mapping of agriculturally rich soils: tabled until November meeting.
- Filling alternate position: asked candidates to write letters of interest to BOS. Scott Edwards is still interested if non-resident status can be resolved. Commission discussed option to create advisory status on the commission for farmers to share experience and flow of communication to commission.
- CT DOA newsletter: farm viability grants available with an 11/14 deadline. There is a link on our website or farmers can call 860-713-2503 or check [www.ctgrown.gov](http://www.ctgrown.gov)
- Pricing data from CT DOA is available: we will post on our website.
- Reports from other commissions: nothing at this time.

**IV New business:**

- Initiated a "what next" conversation about future projects and direction for Ag Com. Sal Gilbertie voiced broad appreciation for the work Jean has done to raise the voice of agriculture at the policy and community level in town. Lori will draft a letter to solicit further engagement of town farmers.
- Will use at least some of November meeting to plan a write-up for publicity of SSES project
- Laurel made a proposal to use the website for what's in season.
- Vivian Templeton, Aradia Farms, Southbury, came seeking guidance on setting up an Ag Com. in Southbury. They have RUPAC (rural preservation advisory committee) but the town has bought lots of land and now wants to find ag uses for it. Many questions arose such as: who is a farmer? Who gets included on the commission? Who is interested? Com. members weighed in with info from our experience.

**V Public Discussion:**

- None

**VI Motion to adjourn:** passed unanimously. Meeting Adjourned at 9:05pm

Submitted by Victor Alfandre, Recording Secretary

*Victor Alfandre*