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**Minutes**  
**Meeting of the Easton Agricultural Commission**  
**November 8, 2017 -7:30 p.m.**  
**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:** Jean Stetz-Puchalski, Victor Alfandre, Laurel Fedor

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

**Public:** None

**I: Call to Order:** 7:38pm

**II: Minutes:** Motion to approve by Laurel Fedor, 2nd by Victor Alfandre. Unanimously accepted.

**III: Updates & Reports:**

- Discussed ongoing effort to have Easton named the Christmas Tree capital of CT. Commission will visit farmers to rally support for marketing efforts. Thanks to Lori and Nate Dougall for spearheading this effort. Also discussed adding language to town website promoting Xmas tree capital. Report back to BOS on progress and engage with continued support on this project.
- Proposed securing Town hall Conf. Room A for next year's meetings. Will continue with second Wednesday's at 7:30 pm with no meetings in July and Aug. Those dates are 1/10, 2/14, 3/14, 4/11, 5/9, 6/13, 9/12, 10/10, 11/14, 12/12

**IV Correspondence:**

- None

**V New Business:**

- Discussed a winter event to drive business to Xmas tree farms for 2018.
- Discussed Ag Commission Attendance policy. VA motioned max of two absences. LF 2nd. Discussion ensued. New motion made (VA) with max of 3, can't miss two in a row. LF 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussed enforcement mechanism, mandate should be a suggestion. New motion: the members of the ag com agree that consistent attendance is vital to the constancy of our efforts. Therefore, we encourage members to attend all meetings, missing no more than three per year. LF 2nd. Unanimously accepted.
- Will check in with First Selectman re: creation of advisory council

**VI Public Comment:**

- none

**Adjournment:** 8:07pm

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