

Minutes
Meeting of the Easton Agricultural Commission
February 10, 2021 7:45 p.m.
Held Virtually Via Zoom Video Conference Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 895 4875 0846

In attendance Jean Stetz-Puchalski, Denise Hebner, Victor Alfandre, Matt Oricchio, Brittany Conover
Absent Lori Cochran Dougall, Irv Silverman

I: Call to Order – 7:50 p.m.

II: Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting – Victor Alfandre made a motion, and Matt Oricchio 2nd to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

III: Public Comment – Brittany Conover of CT Farm Bureau shared the bureau shared Farmer Circle as peer group mentoring by farmers for farmers to help with the business of farming.

VI: Updates & Reports

- Discussed ongoing Ag Com Covid-19 advisory activities helping Town, farms and farm stands to adapt to changing conditions. Website updates, success stories, challenges. Victor Alfandre commented that 'business as usual' is the normal in Easton and mentioned the clever Shaggy Coo's newsletter.
- Discussion about student volunteers for website / content tabled until next meeting. Jean Stetz-Puchalski to check on any limitations; Victor Alfandre to work on contacting the school.
- Work continues on onboarding project. Jean Stetz-Puchalski, Victor Alfandre and Denise Hebner will meet to produce framework. Denise tasked with scheduling.
- Discussion on SSES farming on Townland tabled for next meeting when we will have a proposal in hand.
- Discussed participation in BOS welcome project for newcomers to Easton. Board of Selectman proposed a 'Welcome to Easton' newcomer packet, something that was in place over 25 years ago. Jean Stetz-Puchalski made a motion that the Agriculture Commission participate, and Matt Oricchio 2nd. Motion passed.
- Farmland Preservation donation strategy tabled for March/April.

V: Correspondence:

VI: New Business

VII: Adjournment Victor Alfandre made the motion and Matt Oricchio 2nd to adjourn meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Denise Hebner *Denise Hebner*



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