

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Easton Agricultural Commission
Wednesday, December 8, 2021 – 7:45 PM
Held Virtually Via Zoom Video Conference

In attendance Jean Stetz-Puchalski, Denise Hebner, Matt Oricchio
Absent: Victor Alfandre, Lori Cochran Dougall, Irv Silverman, Sage Rega

I: Call to Order – 7:49 p.m.

II: Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting – Jean Stetz-Puchalski made the motion. Matt Oricchio 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

III: Public Comment – None

IV: Updates & Reports

Ag Com resource portal page on the Town website is continuously updated. Visit for updates to Covid resources provided by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture; updates to Farm, Farms Stands, and Maps section; news and other resources:

https://www.eastonct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif3071/f/uploads/listing_of_easton_farmsfarm_maps_updated_december2021.pdf Encouraging farms and farm stands to submit their updates.

Article in the Easton Courier recognizing Easton's Farming Heritage and the recent visit from Lt Governor Susan Bysiewicz, Ag Commissioner Bryan Hurlburt, Senator Tony Hwang, and Rep Anne Hughes presenting the citation for our Town as the Christmas Tree Capital of CT(CTCC). Thank you to Lori Cochran Dougal and the Easton Chamber of Commerce for driving the CTCC campaign to success. <https://eastoncourier.news/tag/christmas-tree-capital-of-connecticut/>

Thank you to the Easton Garden Club for supporting Easton Agriculture and the CTCC with their annual Easton Farm Map Holiday edition. <https://www.eastongardenclubofct.org/easton-farm-map-holiday-edition>

Jean Stetz-Puchalski moved to approve the meeting schedule for 2022 as the 2nd Wednesday of each month starting at 7:45p.m. except for the months of July and August. Matt Oricchio 2nd. Discussion: need for additional members present to make decision. All agreed this was reasonable given that our current notification to the Town included the January 2022 meeting date. Jean moved to table this discussion and scheduled submittal until our next meeting in January. Matt Oricchio 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

V: Correspondence

Town Clerk reached out to Jean Stetz-Puchalski with a request from the Strafford Springs Ag Commission to contact them to provide mentoring/advising/support from our Easton Ag Com. They appreciate our Ag Com website resource portal. Jean contacted them via email and will follow up and extend an invitation to attend an Easton Ag Com meeting for the teams to connect.

The residents of Easton passed an Ethics Ordinance at the September 21 referendum and action is required by Commission members to read the Town of Easton Ethics Ordinance and return the acknowledgment page to Ginger Fiore at gfiore@eastonct.gov.

Jean Stetz-Puchalski distributed the request via email to commission members on 12-8-21. Jean reminded the Commission of the request and Monday, December 13th deadline.

VI: New Business - None

V: Adjournment Jean Stetz-Puchalski moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 PM. Matt Oricchio 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Denise C. Hebner, Recording Secretary.

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