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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
April 9, 2014 -7:30 p.m.
Town Hall-Meeting Room A**

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

- I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Jean Stetz-Puchalski
- II. Motion to approve March 12th Minutes, and submit. Unanimous vote: Yes
- III. Discussion:

Right to Farm Ordinance

On April 3rd, Jean Stetz-Puchalski presented the March 24th draft of the Right to Farm Ordinance to the Board of Selectman for discussion with a recommendation to take it to the Annual Town meeting for vote. BOS turned around edits to the document on April 9. Reviewed edits with discussion. Irv Silverman made a Motion to accept changes except inclusion of the word "solely". Seconded by Victor Alfandre. Passed unanimously. Jean will take this edited version to the BOS meeting scheduled for April 17th for discussion and approval and adoption at Annual Town meeting.

Jean Stetz-Puchalski called for a motion to prepare for a special meeting to approve Right to Farm document if edits are necessary after next Board of Selectmen meeting. Laurel Fedor second. Passed unanimously.

P&Z Updates to Regulations

Discussed the importance of continuing to share update and resources with Easton's land use Commissions as information becomes available and attention to planning for agriculture continues. Victor Alfandre made a Motion to share with P&Z C.G.S. 7-131v which requires that municipalities use State definition of agriculture. Second by Irv Silverman. Passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Scott Edwards

Discussed updates and the outcome of Scott Edwards' petition. Scott shared his view of the process and his desire for support from the Ag Commission. Jean Stetz-Puchalski commented on the importance for farmers to engage the Ag Commission as needs arise or as they are navigating regulation changes with the land use Commissions.

Status of Farming Project on Town Land: Plot A & B at Samuel Staples School
Sport Hill Farm signed lease on March 14, 2014.

Correspondence:

Jean Stetz-Puchalski read the email communication follow up to Mr. Mencil with regard to inquiry.

New Business:

Recognized Laurel Fedor of Sweet Apple Farm of Easton for receiving an Agricultural Grant from the State of Connecticut. Discussed holding "in-person" training session for Easton Farmers looking to navigate the grant process. Will discuss what this will look like and how to promote this and other supports for our Easton farmers during up coming meetings.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45PM

Minutes taken by Laurel Fedor and Victor Alfandre. Submitted by Victor Alfandre.
Victor Alfandre

Attachments: correspondence, Right to Farm Ordinance

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