

**Minutes**  
**Special Meeting of the Easton Agricultural Commission**  
**March 11, 2020 7:45 p.m.**  
**Easton Library Community Room**

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

**I: Call to Order:** 7:45pm

**II: Minutes from last meeting:** Motion to approve by Victor Alfandre 2nd by Matthew Oricchio.  
Unanimously approved.

**III: Public Comment:** None

**VI: Updates & Reports:**

1. Annual Report Update and discussion and approval of copy for submission. Motion to approve: Victor Alfandre. Second: Matt Oricchio. Motion passed.
2. Discussed UI Energy Audit program, opportunities and consideration for farmers. More research needed on energy costs for agriculture. Ie., residential rates vs commercial
3. Commission to continue to promote grant opportunities through outreach through portal on Ag Communication page of Town website, through partnership with Town Planner, and through potential hosted workshop during grant cycle October to March.
4. Farmland Preservation application in play. Question of whether funds are available. Ag Com to research the Farm Preservation Funds for further discussion.
5. Farmland Preservation Strategy - discussion about the need to create strategy to aid decision making about farmland preservation in Easton.

**V New Business:**

Easton Farm Map 10th Anniversary and 2020 version in process. Ag Com will work with Town planner to digitize and further the promotion of Agritourism in Easton.

**VI Correspondence:**

Two new people interested in volunteering to serve on the Agricultural Commission referred to Town for appointment.

**VII: Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn at 9:00pm by Victor Alfandre 2nd by Matthew Oricchio. Unanimously approved.

Minutes submitted by **Matt Oricchio** *Matt Oricchio*



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