

AGRICULTURE COMMISSION MINUTES (not yet approved)

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Town Office Annex

7:00 P.M

1. Call to Order: Ron Gross, Chairman, 7:15 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Agenda: Unanimous.

3. Attendance: Present: Ron Gross, Chairman; Marianne Halpin, Secretary; (Peter Dean, by conference phone); Carleen Quinn; Emmett Lyman, Liaison, Office of Selectmen. Absent: Kevin Staehly. Audience of Citizens: Bonnie Bongiorne, Tanya Bourgoin

4. Approval of Minutes: Carleen Quinn made a motion to approve with a change. Chairman Gross seconded. Approved with one change. Attachments from the March 2 meeting will be available from the Town Office rather than posted due to length.

5. Chairman's Report

- a. Discussion of vacancies-Chairman Gross proposed moving Peter Dean, who is an alternate, to regular member. Bonnie Bongiorne and Tanya Bourgoin will be recommended as alternates. Commission members unanimously agreed. Chairman Gross will submit the recommendation to the Selectman's Office.
- b. Chairman Gross discussed the status of the Harris Property with Selectman Walter. A 5-year and 10-year business plan will be discussed by the Commission and recommendations will be made to the Selectman's Office.
- c. Chairman Gross will ask Selectman Walter to arrange a meeting with the Friends of The Harris Property and the Commission.
- d. Chairman Gross sent the Commission's 2015 Schedule to the Town Clerk. The Commission approved the schedule unanimously.

6. Correspondence-None

7. Unfinished Business--None

8. New Business

- a. Carleen Quinn will ask the schools for a student representative(s) to the Commission.
- b. Marianne Halpin will ask Jess Stone for the list of East Haddam farmers that the Commission drafted several years ago.
- c. A discussion of ways to publicize the work of the Commission followed. The Commission will send a request and fee to A Taste of East Haddam for a table at the May 2 event. Bonnie Bongiorne will bring a tablecloth for the table. Tanya Bourgoin will make promotional materials. Members of the Commission will staff the table.

9. Adjournment:

Carleen Quinn moved to adjourn at 8:30

Marianne Halpin seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,
Marianne Halpin, Secretary