

AGRICULTURE COMMISSION MINUTES (approved)

Monday, December 7, 2015

Town Office Annex

7:00 P.M

Present: Ron Gross, Chairman; Tanya Bourgoin; Peter Dean; Marianne Halpin;; Carlene Quinn.

Absent: Bonnie Buongiorne; Mark Henderson, Kevin Staehly Emmett Lyman, Liaison, Office of Selectman

1. Call to Order: Ron Gross, Chairman, 7:04 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

2. Moment of Silence

3. Approval of the Agenda: Motion, Peter Dean. Second, Tanya Bourgoin. Unanimously accepted.

4. Chairman Gross read the minutes from November 2, 2015. Ms. Bourgoin suggested corrections:

In the Chairman's Report:

1. The word "unanimously be added.

2. 'Special Revenue Fund' be added to the description of the lines in the budget.

3. In #7: The Chair appointed Ms. Quinn and Ms. Halpin to attend. Ms Bourgoin will join them.

Motion: Mr. Dean. Second: Ms. Quinn. Approved unanimously as corrected.

5. Chairman's Report:

Schedule for Calendar Year 2016

Jan 4	May 2	Sept 12	Jan 9
Feb 1	June 6	Oct 3	
Mar 7	Jul 5	Nov 14	
Apr 4	Aug 1	Dec 5	

Unanimously approved

6. Correspondence-moved to 8.a.

7. Unfinished Business

a. High School delegates to the Commission were absent.

Ms. Halpin will meet with Middle School Science faculty Ms. Thody, Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Harris.

Ms. Corey at the high school coordinates work study program. Discussed encouraging students interested in agriculture to apply for work study.

b. Table Soil Assessment report

c. Discussion of East Haddam Budget. Copy of the 2016 budget distributed. STEAP Grant Referendum cost sheet distributed.

The Commission recommends that the Town investigate the status of the existing wells at the CCA. Motion: Mr. Gross, Second: Ms. Bourgoin.

8. New Business

a. General Discussion of EDC request for input on poultry farms and The Right to Farm Act. Ms. Quinn, Ms. Halpin will attend. Right to Farm Act circulated.

b. Ms. Bourgoin and Ms. Halpin briefed everyone on the Educational Workshop on Freedom of information that was held November 30 at the Grange.

Audience of Citizens: Kim Barrows, Lynn Branscombe

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

The next meeting of the Agriculture Commission will be at the Town Office Annex on January 4, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Halpin, Secretary