



Center for Community Agriculture

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**Center for Community Agriculture
Municipal Working Group
Special Meeting Minutes
Town Office Annex
May 21, 2015
9:00 am**

Working Group Members Present: Mark Walter, Craig Mansfield, James Ventres, George Fellner, Beth Lunt, Phil Barlow

Other Present:

1. Meeting was called to order by Mark Walter at 9:05 am.
2. Motion to approve the minutes from the Special meeting on May 1, 2015 was made by Mark Walter, seconded by Craig Mansfield. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Discussion on the Center for Community Agriculture

Craig informed the group that water tanks were delivered up to the property and the FD had filled one already. Additionally, we are still waiting on the results of the soil samples the Harris group had done. Also, the Friends of the Harris have organized up a group of volunteers who will be spreading the wood chips around the fence line.

Tractor has been purchased and delivered. Additionally, we have found a set of used harrows that will be picked up this week to be used on the fields.

Design and Site Plan Discussion

George Fellner reviewed with the group some undated design plans and the group reviewed the site plan presented by Phil. After review, the group agreed on the location of the shed,

pavilion, hoop and greenhouses. A final (detailed) site plan will be created for the public hearing and P&Z meetings.

Mark discusses that George, Craig and himself had meeting was held with Todd Gelston and Bill Cross from the Friends of the Harris last week. At that meeting George reviewed the pavilion and shed designs. George noted that one of the suggestions from that meeting was to install a water storage tank in the ceiling of the tool shed. After he review this future, this option is not recommended due to the additional cost to reinforce the structure to support the water tank. The group agreed and will look for additional options for a water tank location to support the watering.

4. Next Steps

- A. Mark to work with Linda to schedule a public hearing for the project.
- B. Once the PH is held, schedule Planning & Zoning Review

5. Public Comment

None

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM.

To the extent required by state statute, the Working Group will adhere to Connecticut's open meetings and records laws. Contact the Selectmen's Office with any questions.