

**CENTER FOR COMMUNITY AGRICULTURE  
MUNICIPAL WORKING GROUP  
TOWN OF EAST HADDAM**

Special Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2015

10:00 a.m.

(Not yet approved by the Committee)

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** Mark Walter called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**ATTENDANCE:** Mark Walter, James Ventres, Kevin Reich, Emmett Lyman, and George Fellner.

**2. MINUTES:** A motion was made by Mr. Walter to accept the minutes presented for the May 21, 2015 special meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ventres and carried unanimously.

**3. DISCUSSION OF THE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY AGRICULTURE:**

**A. PLANNING DISCUSSION FOR THE APPROVED REALLOCATED STEAP GRANT:** Mr. Fellner reported that the engineers felt that the water tanks would be best placed underground. Once the water yield is determined, the number of tanks could be decided on. The tanks underground would be frost protected, easier to maintain, and not add to the cost of the structure if put in the ceiling of the shed/bathrooms. Mr. Ventres noted that there seems to be some confusion as to what hoop houses and greenhouses were proposed in the original grant. The two hoop houses are 30 feet wide and 96 feet long. The green house is 26 feet wide and 60 feet long. The green house looks just like the hoop houses but the outer covering is thicker and it comes with a propane heating unit. Even if the greenhouse is not heated, it will extend the growing seasons. Mr. Lyman said he would discuss this with the sub-committee of the Agriculture Commission

**4. NEXT STEPS:**

**A. SCHEDULE AND PLAN FOR PUBLIC HEARING:** It was decided to schedule a public information hearing to discuss the changes to the original grant on August 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Grange Hall.

**B. SCHEDULE & PLAN FOR THE PLANNING & ZONING REVIEW:** The tentative schedule for the Planning and Zoning Commission to review the project is as follow:

- a. Submit application to the commission by August 20, 2015.
- b. The Commission acknowledges the application on August 25, 2015.
- c. The Commission will potentially schedule a public hearing on September 8, 2015

**8. ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Mr. Walter to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ventres and carried unanimously.