

AGRICULTURE COMMISSION MINUTES

March 7, 2016
Town Office Annex
7:00 P.M

1. Call to Order: Ron Gross, Chairman, 7:05 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Agenda: Ms. Halpin made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Bourgoin seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Attendance: Present: Ron Gross, Chairman; Bonnie Bongiorne, Tanya Bourgoin, Peter Dean, Marianne Halpin, Kevin Staehly.

4. Chairman's Report

a. Dr. Gross has met with Mary Guitar, Editor of the East Haddam News, who is interested in attending the next Agriculture Commission meeting.

b. Center for Community Agriculture plots have not been made public at this point.

c. Ms. Bourgoin and Ms. Halpin will rewrite page on town website and check on plots.

5. Correspondence: None

6. Unfinished Business

Ms. Bourgoin and Ms. Halpin met with Ms. Thody and her students at the Middle School to discuss what was needed for the Middle School vegetable garden. Ms. Thody reiterated that fence posts are needed. She would like help with digging fence post holes.

She already has garden beds donated by Ballek's Garden Center and a grant from the Rockfall Foundation. She needs to complete the installation by September to be in compliance with the grant. The 7th grade students were very enthusiastic about the garden. FFA mentoring was also discussed.

7. New Business

There was a general discussion about what to do about the comments from the audience of citizens.

Dr. Gross made a motion to include, under both New Business and Unfinished Business, a limited time for questions or comments from the audience of citizens. Mr. Dean seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Citizens present: Kim Barrows, Barbara Gaudio.

8. Adjournment:

Ms. Bourgoin moved to adjourn at 8:12

Mr. Dean seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,
Marianne Halpin, Secretary