

## AGRICULTURE COMMISSION MINUTES (APPROVED)

Town Office Annex  
April 3, 2017 7:00 P.M

1. **Call to Order:** Ron Gross, Chair: 7:03 pm Pledge of Allegiance
2. **Attendance:**
  - Members Present: Ron Gross, Chair; Marianne Halpin; Tanya Bourgoin, Mark Henderson; Kevin Staehly; Peter Dean (via iPhone)
  - Guests: Emmett Lyman, First Selectman; Aaron Taylor, Four Root FarmAlternate member Ms. Bourgoin seated in place of regular member Ms. Quinn.
3. **Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Staehly made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2017 minutes. Ms. Halpin seconded the motion. Motion was withdrawn.

  - a). Discussion of amending minutes regarding the executive session. Mr. Staehly made a motion to postpone approval of those minutes until the next meeting. Mr. Henderson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **Chairman's Report:**

see below
5. **Correspondence:**
  - a) **Middle School Garden Update:**

Post holes will be dug by the town Public Works soon. Mr. Gross will purchase the posts at a discounted rate from Shagbark and donate them to the project. An effort will be made to engage the students involved with the commission.
  - c) Mr. Gross will try to attend this meeting and report back to the commission.
6. **Unfinished Business/Open Issues:**
  - a). tabled until Mr. Ventres June meeting
  - b). Ms. Bourgoin will inquire at town hall about Community Garden lease holder info and subcommittee rules re: FOI. We may staff a table at Shagbark's Chick Day event to gauge community interest in a gardening workshop.
7. **New Business:**
  - a). **Community Garden update:**

Several people have already leased plots for 2017. 2 more water storage cubes will be filled by the fire department. Mr. Lyman got an estimate of \$11,000 for the drilling and installation of a well with storage tanks and a pump.
  - b). Comer Event at the Harris Property will take place September of this year and help to highlight the Community Garden.
8. **Adjournment:** Time 7:50 pm

Ms. Halpin made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Staehly seconded.  
The next meeting of the Agriculture will be held at: May 1, 2017

Respectfully submitted,  
Tanya Bourgoin, Acting Secretary

