

Agriculture Commission Minutes (NOT YET APPROVED)

March 12, 2018

New Town Office Bldg. Meeting Room 3

Special Meeting

7:00 PM

Members Present: Mr. Ron Gross (Chairman), Mr. Mark Henderson, Mr. Peter Dean (via phone), Ms. Carleen Quinn, Mr. Keith Wilson, Ms. Susan Downs, Ms. Bonnie Buongiorno

Chairman Mr. Ron Gross called the meeting to order at 7:00. Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve Agenda by Mr. Peter Dean. Seconded by Ms. Carleen Quinn

Motion carried unanimously

Motion to approve Minutes of March 12<sup>th</sup> 2018 Special Meeting by Mr. Mark Henderson.

Seconded by Ms. Bonnie Buongiorno.

Motion carried unanimously

Chairman report:

- a. Chairman Mr. Ronald Gross reported on the approval from Selectman on Agriculture membership for Ms. Susan Downs as alternate and Mr. Ronald DiStefano as full member.
- b. Discussion with HS Vo Ag teacher Heidi Pease is interested in joining the commission.
- c. East Haddam News awaiting schedule for talks from Mr. Mark Henderson.

Communications:

Ms. Buongiorno has announced that Chris Irwin, Natural Horseman, has chosen the Ray of Light Farm as his Northeast training center, and will be here for six weekends in 2018.

Old Business:

- a. NO UPDATE on the status of the water truck for the Community Garden.
- b. Mr. Henderson reported that Phil Jones from Jones Farm is scheduled to do a three part seminar series on *Growing A Successful Bio-nutrient Rich Vegetable Garden*. Putting an advertisement in the EH News during the month of April. Tentative dates for seminar: May 6<sup>th</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup>, and October 14<sup>th</sup>. Fee for the seminar is \$25.00 Community Garden leases and \$50.00 for no-members.
- c. NO UPDATE on Status of the Nuisance Ordinances.

New Business:

*Stop the Bleed* future lecture given by Chairman Ron Gross tentative date May or June.

Comments from the audience: NO AUDIENCE

Motion to adjourn: Mr. Mark Henderson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Peter Dean

Next meeting: April 2, 2018  
New Town Hall Room 1  
7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carleen Quinn, secretary