

East Haddam Agriculture Commission
Meeting Minutes 10-04-2010

Called to order at 7:00AM Harvey Thomas Peter Dean

Members Present :

Harvey Thomas

Dennie Burak

Scot Mackinnon

Jessica Stone

Peter Dean

Audience:

Nancy Mackinnon

New Business:

Election of Officers

Harvey Thomas Chairman

Nominated by Peter Dean Second Scot Mackinnon

All Aye

Peter Dean Secretary

Nominated by Scot Mackinnon Second Dennie Burak

All Aye

Liaison:

Harvey Thomas: Inland Wetlands , P+Z, Conservation Commission,
Open Space.

Peter Dean: Board of Ed., Ray Board

Scot Mackinnon: Economic Development

Jessica Stone: Communications, Web Site Development

Dennie Burak: Connecticut Farm Bureau

Open Discussion:

Harvey explained the genesis of the Commission and our charge. All present understood and were supportive of our responsibilities.

All felt that our first step would be to identify "farmers" in East Haddam as defined in the booklet "Planning for Agriculture" Page 47. This is a guide to municipalities published by American Farmland Trust and the CCM..., Jess Stone will begin to compile a list using available databases such as NOFA and CFB. Peter Dean will visit the High School to glean any available information from FFA. It was also suggested that we get a volunteer from the FFA program to be a representative of the young farmers in East Haddam. They would be invited to attend our meetings regularly. Peter will get that done as well.

We also discussed funding and the budget process. We will see what funding, if any, exists for this fiscal year and will put together a budget for the 2011-12 budget year.

Our regular meetings will be held on the first Monday of the month at 7:00PM in the Annex unless otherwise specified on the Agenda.

Adjourn 8:40PM Scott Mackinnon
Harvey Thomas