

East Haddam Agriculture Commission
Minutes December 6th.2010
Town Office Annex

Called to Order 7:08PM

Members Present.... Thomas, Dean, Burak, Mackinnon.... Guest Dylan Mackinnon

Vote to accept previous minutes as presented...Burak second Mackinnon.

Liason Reports. Dean explained the relationships between the Ray Board and the Board of Education..He has contacted the Agriculture Department and they will be sending a representative as a voting member who will be a permanent member. They would also like to send a second student who will be welcomed as a contributor but not as a voting member. The second student will be rotated though those students who show an interest in involvement. Those students will attend the January meeting. Dean will include Cheryl Mattewson of the Agriculture Department in the minute postings.

Farm Inventory...Harvey visited the Town of Colchester and retrieved a questionnaire that they used when they did a similar inventory. They had also received a grant from the State to conduct this survey so the questionnaire is extensive. All felt that , for our purposes , we could pare down the number of questions and make the process as easy for the responders as possible. All agreed that this endeavor would proceed after we had done our "farm " identification . Harvey will bring the full list of questions to the January meeting and the members will discuss subtractions or additions. Dennie asked at this point what we felt was the definition of a "farm" as we move forward with our inventory. After much discussion we came up with the following definition.."A tract of land that is cultivated for the business of agricultural production, and/or an Agricultural operation that is run with the intention of creating a profit for the owner/operator.

General Discussion..

Meeting schedule....Attached

Representative to the Open Space Commission from the Agriculture Commission.. Dean proposed Mr. Mackinnon, Burak Second...All voted Aye.

Next Meeting January 3rd. at 7:00PM Town Office Annex

Adjourn at 8:05PM