

East Haddam Agriculture Commission Minutes
May 1, 2011

Call to Order: 7:15 PM Chairman Thomas

Attendance. Members: Marshall, Carlson, Burke, Dean, Thomas
Liaison: Abby Polivka
Citizens: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Polivka Jr., Nancy MacKinnon.

Approval Of April Minutes: As Read...Marshall Burke

Liaison Reports: Harvey reported that the Economic Development Commission will be available for help from the ED side. Harvey will invite Board Chairs and the BOS to the Meet and Greet on the 14th..

Chick Day Debriefing: Very large turnout.. Peter and Dennie reported that we had some inquiries and passed out information. We did get some "face time" on a local blog. We also invited them to the meet and greet.

Meet and Greet: Harvey assigned various tasks to prepare for the event. We reviewed the introductory letter which will be available. Jess will do as much publicity as possible with the local papers. Postcards will be sent to the 100 names on our inventory list. Each member took 20 names. We discussed the event format at great length and are comfortable with our plan. The meeting will begin with introductions, ask attendees to introduce themselves, and then will ask that they take 10 minutes to review the "questionnaire" and edit it as they see fit then leave it unsigned, at the rear of the hall as they leave. We will then

proceed to an open forum type discussion and post questions, comments, and suggestions to stimulate idea flow.

Harvey asked members to bring refreshments and all agreed. We will meet a 6:30PM to set up the hall..

General Discussion.. Peg Carlson handed out literature that she had gotten at a Land Trust seminar she attended. It dealt with the leasing for agriculture of town owned lands or conservation properties. Harvey felt that this type of dealings would probably fall under the auspices of our Commission....More to follow
Nancy MacKinnon will make phone calls to those folks not on our list that she feels have a vested interest in our mission and values.

Adjourn: 8:45 PM Burke Carlson