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Killingly Agriculture Commission

WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 9, 2019

Regular Meeting

7:00 pm

Killingly Town Hall, 172 Main Street, Killingly, CT
ROOM 102

MINUTES OF MEETING

- I. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
Attending Frank Anastasio; Byron Martin, Virginia Keith; Adam Hunt was absent without notification.
Also attending Adam Griffiths, Town Council Liaison; Ann-Marie Aubrey, Director of Planning and Development; and Amelia Kellner, member of the public.
- II. **Agenda Addendum**
None
- III. **Citizens Participation** [limited to five (5) minutes per speaker for an accumulated time of no more than 30 minutes – unless extended by a majority vote of the commission members]
Amelia Kellner has applied to become a member of the AG COMM; Frank mentioned that he is talking with a representative from Double Trouble Acres, Bear Hill Road, to also apply to become a member.
- IV. **Election of Officers** – Ann-Marie will conduct the election of Officers
Frank turned the meeting over to Ann-Marie to conduct the election of the Officers.
Ann-Marie called for nominations for the Chair – Frank nominated Byron – Virginia seconded; there was some discussion as Byron wanted to re-nominate Frank – Frank said he no longer wanted to be Chair. Therefore Byron accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations for Chair.
Ann-Marie called for nominations for Vice-Chair – Byron nominated Frank to be Vice-Chair – Virginia seconded; there was no further discussion. There were no further nominations for Vice-Chair.
Ann-Marie called for a vote for the Chair; vote was 3/0; Byron became the Chair.
Ann-Marie called for a vote for the Vice-Chair; vote was 3/0; Frank became the Vice-Chair.
Ann-Marie then turned the meeting over to Byron to conduct.
- V. **Adoption of Minutes – review / discussion / action**
A) Regular Meeting – December 12, 2019 – Virginia moved to adopt the minutes of the 12/12/2019 meeting; Frank seconded the motion; no further discussion; vote was 3/0; the minutes were adopted.
- VI. **Real Estate Parcels Classified under Section 490 – review / discussion / action**
A) Start discussion regarding survey questions, etc.
There was some general discussion regarding this topic; felt they need to get a listing of the owners' names of the individual properties; Ann-Marie will request that information from Paul Hopkins. This will be discussed further at the next meeting; or until the information is received from Paul Hopkins.
- VII. **Regulations – review / revisions / discussion / action**
A) Town of Killingly Zoning Regulations Section 585 "Agriculture"
B) Borough of Danielson Zoning Regulations Section 585 "Agriculture"
C) Next Workshop with PZC – **TUESDAY, January 22, 2019**
The draft of the proposed Agriculture regulations will be presented to the Planning Zoning Commission at their next regularly scheduled meeting of Tuesday, January 22, 2019. AG COMM members will attend that meeting if it is possible for them to do so.

VIII. Plan of Conservation and Development – review/discussion/action

A) Town Wide Charrette – SATURDAY, January 12, 2019 at KHS Cafeteria

Just a general discussion of the success of the charrette; no votes were taken.

IX. Reports / General Business – review / discussion /action

A) Classes – 1) Bee Class; Beginners' Class – January 26th – Byron (snow date Feb 2nd)

2) Bee Class; Second Class – February – Byron (select date)

These classes will be advertised in the Turnpike Buyer/Shoppers Guide, and Diane in P&D will take the registrations, basically the same as last year. Advertisements will run for two weeks in both papers – that seems to be working out. Byron said the second class will be held on Saturday, February 16 with a snow date of Saturday February 23, 2019. Ann-Marie will use the same advertisements as last year. We will see if the people that attended the first class have any interest in the second class.

B) Tour Des Farms

Ann-Marie said there was nothing new to report on this at this time.

C) Other Events – 1) Movie - Killingly Agriculture; Diversified Farming – Frank

Frank will send Ann-Marie press releases / advertisements to put into the Turnpike Buyer/Shoppers Guide. The shows will be as follows: Wednesday, January 16th at 6:30 pm at the KPRD Auditorium on Broad Street; the snow date will be Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the KPRD Auditorium. Next show will be Thursday, January 24th at 6:30 pm at Library on Westcott Road; the snow date will be Thursday, January 31, 2019 same place, same time. Frank wanted to know if it would be possible to post something in the Community Courant, the Villager and on WINY Radio. Ann-Marie said she would check into the possibility of press releases, etc.

2) Farmers' Market Updates – Virginia

The Spring, Summer and Fall Farmers' Market will not be moving to Davis Park, at least not for this upcoming year. In November the group that runs the market voted to agree to the move to Davis Park, Virginia even got a state approved grant to help with the move. In their January 2019 meeting the group voted against the move. The state had already awarded the grant – so now Virginia will check to see if the state will allow her to use the grant funds for the Westfield Farmers' Market – not really sure if that would be allowed. Virginia is in discussions with the Town to possibly have a Town market at Davis Park, but that won't be until 2020.

D) Open Space Land Acquisition Committee / Farmland Inventory – meeting / progress report

There was nothing new to report at this time.

E) Mother Nature's Garden – meeting / progress report

There was nothing new to report at this time.

F) Killingly Community Garden – meeting / review / discussion / action

Discussion regarding the roles of the Garden Coordinator and the Garden Volunteers; Frank would like to see a job description from KCG for the Garden Coordinator and for what they were going to do moving forward as volunteers. Frank felt that if the KCG does not come up with a defined role for the Garden Coordinator that the AG COMM should look at not paying for a Coordinator. Byron and Virginia agreed. Frank wants a document that clearly defines the duties and responsibilities of the Coordinator; the Members; and the Gardeners.

G) Tomato Festival – meeting / progress report

First meeting for the Tomato Festival will be Tuesday, March 26, 2019.

H) Green News Newsletter – meeting / progress report

Frank will work on the Green News Newsletter – hopefully get something out in time to publicize the Bee Classes and the Agriculture Film.

X. Town Council Liaison Report – meeting / progress report

We will have a new Town Manager starting March 11th; her name is Mary Calorio, she use to be Killingly's Finance Director, and is currently the Town Administrator in Putnam.

The Town currently had the Town's Attorney looking into the status of Airport Road, is it a town road?

The Town Council has decided to allow the new Town Manager to hire a new DPW Director.

XI. Other Items – review/discussion/action

XII. Next Meeting – Regular Meeting – FEBRUARY 13, 2019 – review/discussion/action

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:42 pm.