



Killingly Agriculture Commission
WEDNESDAY-May 12, 2021

Regular Meeting

7:00 pm

MINUTES

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- I. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm. Attending: Byron Martin, Kristie Wallis, Frank Anastasio, Virginia Keith, Sharon George, Amelia Kellner, Patti Larrow-George (town council liaison), Marina Capraro (staff)
- II. **Agenda Addendum:** None.
- III. **Citizens Participation-** Pursuant to Governor's Executive Order 7B, all public comment can be emailed to publiccomment@killinglyct.gov or mailed to Town of Killingly, 172 Main Street, Killingly, CT 06239 on or before the meeting. All public comment received prior to the meeting will be posted on the Town's website www.killinglyct.gov: None.
- IV. **Adoption of Minutes – review / discussion / action**
 - A) **Regular Meeting –April 13, 2021:** A motion was made to adopt the minutes of the 04/13 regular meeting; seconded; all in favor; passed.
- V. **Reports / General Business – review / discussion /action**
 - A) **Classes – discussion/action**
 - i. **Amelia's Herb Class – Summary:** Amelia reported a high turn out at her Herb Class event, hosted at Blueberry Hill Farm. She would like to do another on another property in the fall.
 - ii. **Future classes:** Classes will likely resume in the fall.
 - B) **Killingly Community Garden – meeting / review / discussion / action:** Staff reported more progress at the community garden; the new waterline is in, all available garden beds are rented, and crops are in the ground. They will be hosting a work day on Saturday, May 15th.
 - C) **Green News Newsletter – progress report:** Frank put out a newsletter in April to advertise the community garden, Amelia's herb class, and the Killingly Conservation Commission's happenings.
 - D) **Tomato Festival 2021:** The commission discussed the Tomato festival planning process; there has been no official word from the town on the status of the 2021 Tomato Festival.
 - E) **Budget Update:** A discussion ensued regarding the upcoming fiscal year (beginning on July 1st) and what will be done with the remaining Ag budget; a motion was made to request that the town move the Ag Commission's remaining funds into the Open Space Land Acquisition fund; seconded; all in favor; passed.
- VI. **Town Council Liaison Report – meeting / progress report:** Town council liaison, Patti, provided an update on the business of the town council.
- VII. **Other Items – review/discussion/action:** Frank inquired about the proposal at last month's meeting to begin editing the "Killingly Grown" Ag Brochure to update new farms and remove ones no longer in operation. The commission asked staff to begin this process.

VIII. Next Meeting – Regular Meeting –JUNE 09, 2021– review/discussion/action

IX. Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting; seconded; meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

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