



**Killingly Agriculture Commission**

**WEDNESDAY – MAY 8, 2019**

**Regular Meeting**

**7:00 pm**

**Killingly Town Hall, 172 Main Street, Killingly, CT**

**ROOM 102**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

**Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm**

Attending: Byron Martin, Frank Anastasio, Amelia Kellner

Absent with Notification: Virginia Keith; Absent w/out Notification Adam Hunt

Also Attending: Ann-Marie Aubrey, Director Planning and Development

Absent with Notice: Adam Griffiths, Town Council Liaison

**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]

None

**IV. Adoption of Minutes – review / discussion / action**

A) Regular Meeting – April 10, 2019 – Amelia made the motion to adopt, Frank seconded, no discussion, vote was 3 to 0, motion passed.

**V. Regulations – review / revisions / discussion / action**

A) Town of Killingly Zoning Regulations Section 585 "Agriculture" – review of "final draft"

\* Update: The hearing before PZC was continued to May 20, 2019.

B) Borough of Danielson Zoning Regulations Section 585 "Agriculture" – review of "draft changes"

\* Update: This still has not been scheduled for a hearing before PZC.

There was discussion surrounding the right to farm act, state statute and town ordinance. A person has the right to farm "no matter what", the act only concerns itself with issues that may become a nuisance, and it does not stop someone from starting a new farm.

**VI. Real Estate Parcels Classified under Section 490 – review / discussion / action**

A) Continue discussion regarding survey questions, etc.

Minor discussion regarding the survey questions, it was noted that Virginia was not at the meeting so they will wait until the next meeting to discuss. Also, Ann-Marie stated that the commission had not received the list of owner names from the tax assessor's office.

No action taken.

**VII. Reports / General Business – review / discussion / action**

A) Classes –

Frank will look into doing a "growing your own tomatoes" class (seedlings class) by the end of the month. He will try to have the class at the Library – that way we help publicize the Library's new seed library.

Amelia is still working putting her class together; she will give us an update next month.

**B) Other Events –**

There was nothing new to report at this time.

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

No meeting.

**D) Mother Nature's Garden – meeting / progress report**

Still working on the pump for the water street garden, things are beginning to move along, expect the pump to be up and working before the end of June.

**E) Killingly Community Garden – meeting / review / discussion / action**

We did not receive any applications for the Garden Coordinator – therefore they are moving forward without one. Ann-Marie reported that they had their meeting last week; they are scheduling a series of workdays at the garden which will also be educational based; it appears that there are only 3 beds left open; P&D staff are looking into the cost of a new water tank; KCG has requested their supply for this year of loam and mulch; their planting day is scheduled for Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**F) Tomato Festival – meeting / progress report**

There are two meetings coming up – tomorrow morning at 8:30 am the full group is getting together at the KPRD; and Tuesday, May 25 at 5:00 pm our agricultural group will be getting together to go over what we need (purchases, etc.).

**G) Green News Newsletter – meeting / progress report**

Frank reported that he published a Green News Newsletter. He and Amelia worked on it. He noted that we have 133 subscribers to date.

**VIII. Town Council Liaison Report – meeting / progress report**

As Adam could not make the meeting – no report was given.

**IX. Other Items – review/discussion/action**

There was nothing new to report.

**X. Next Meeting – Regular Meeting – JUNE 12, 2019 – review/discussion/action**

It was noted that Frank will not be able to attend this meeting.

**XI. Adjournment**

Frank made a motion to adjourn, Amelia seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:13 pm.