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Killingly Agriculture Commission

WEDNESDAY, June 13, 2018

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 started at 7:03 pm**
Attending: Byron Martin; Chris Shaw; Virginia Keith
Absent with notification – Frank Anastasio; Absent w/o Notification – Adam Hunt and Christina Salisbury
Also Attending: Ann-Marie Aubrey, Director of Planning and Development; Adam Griffiths, Town Council Liaison
- II. **Agenda Addendum**
None
- III. **Public Hearings (as called)**
None
- IV. **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
- V. **Adoption of Minutes – review / discussion / action**
A) Regular Meeting of May 09, 2018 – Virginia Keith made the motion to adopt the minutes of May 09, 2018; Byron Martin seconded the motion; no further discussion; vote 3/0; the motion passed.
- VI. **General Business – review / discussion /action**
A) **2017 Event Planning – Activities, ETC.**
 - 1) **Classes**
Virginia Keith is scheduled to hold a Chicken Class on Saturday June 16, 2018 @ 1:00 pm at her farm. The class size is limited to 12 people and currently there are approximately 7 people registered.
 - 2) **Other Events**
Logee's will be hosting their Summer Solstice Event this Saturday, June 16, 2018 @ 9:00 to 3:00. This is always a popular event.
Spring Fest (the rain date) was last Saturday, June 9, 2018 @ 9:00 to 3:00 as well. The attendance was very good for this town wide event.

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B) Open Space Land Acquisition Committee / Farmland Inventory

There is nothing new to report at this time.

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

Chris – Michaela's Garden was planted on June 9, 2018 at the Library.

Chris said Mother Nature's Garden is now announced in a flyer that the KCC (Killingly Conservation Commission) published. Chris said they were in the library for everyone to see.

Chris also announced that she is resigning; her husband has accepted a position in NH. The AG COMM wished her well, she will be missed.

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

Chris announced they seem to be doing better this year; the Garden Coordinator, Sharon is keeping the lines of communication open; mentioned they are working on Linda's Memorial Giving Garden; they are trying to get the Danielson Fire Department to fill up the "new" water tank. Virginia saw an article in the Killingly Villager / Community regarding planting day.

E) Tomato Festival – meeting / progress report

Ann-Marie – the planning is going strong; Frank has scheduled three (3) musicians already; still looking for crafters / vendors; Ann-Marie went to Spring Fest; and will go to the Summer Solstice to get business cards from crafters / vendors. Still doing the chili cook off; the children's' tent / activities are being handled by Beth Knowlton and her students; we have a new \$1,000 donation from NYCPCO so we may have two major sponsors this year. Keep your fingers crossed that the CT DOT will not be paving the road during the tomato festival.

F) Green News Newsletter – meeting / progress report

Chris said she has published her last newsletter; she will be returning the "reigns" to Frank.

VII. Regulations – review / revisions / discussion / action

A) Town of Killingly Zoning Regulations Section 585 "Agriculture"

B) Borough of Danielson Zoning Regulations Section 585 "Agriculture"

What will happen if someone buys a farm where the barn is close to the boundary lot; and they want to house livestock? If there are pigs, the statute is very specific – no closer than 150 feet and there are no exceptions; as well as the distance of manure piles from the neighbors.

Adam thinks we need to define manure pile. What constitutes a pile? Is there a size of a pile?

Virginia Keith will reach out to her contact at the CT Farm Bureau to see if they have finished review of the regulations. NRCS; Bill Purcell would be a contact to have someone review the new regulations. Farm Service Agency; Alicia (New Director) would be the contact.

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

Ann-Marie explained the POCD; it was decided that during the July meeting the AG COMM will discuss their involvement with the POCD. Ann-Marie explained that the AG COMM is scheduled for August; however, if they feel comfortable they could attend in July; for an open discussion and input from AG COMM.

Ann-Marie told the Commission that the POCD is available on line if they so choose to review it before the next meeting; Ann-Marie will also make copies to bring them to the next meeting.

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IX. Other Discussion Items – review / discussion / action

Town Council Liaison report – the ordinance regarding bingos/bazaars, etc. was passed; discussion of sale of town property; discussion regarding charter review committee; discussion of transfer station what some of the possibilities and town council requested more information.

X. Next Meeting – Regular Meeting – July 11, 2018 – review/discussion/action

XI. Adjournment

Virginia Keith made a motion to adjourn; Chris Shaw seconded the motion.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:12 pm.

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