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**Killingly Agriculture Commission**  
**WEDNESDAY – AUGUST 14, 2019**

**Regular Meeting**

**7:00 pm**

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

**ROOM 102 – FIRST FLOOR**

**MINUTES**

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Byron Martin.

Attending: Byron Martin, Frank Anastasio, Virginia Keith, Amelia Kellner.

Absent without notice: Adam Hunt

Also attending: David Griffiths, Acting Town Council Liaison; Ann-Marie Aubrey, Director Planning and Development; and Marina Capraro, Assistant Planner.

**II. Agenda Addendum**

At this time Frank Anastasio motioned to allow the Town Council Liaison to move his report (Number VIII) before Citizens Participation (Number III); Amelia Kellner seconded; no further discussion; vote was 4 to 0; motion passed.

(NOTE: The report information is listed at VIII listed below – to help maintain the order of the minutes)

**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]**

No Citizen Participation – no-one from general public attended.

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

A) Regular Meeting – JUNE 12, 2019 – Virginia Keith made a motion to adopt the minutes; Amelia Kellner seconded; no further discussion; vote 3/0/1 abstention (Frank vacation); motion passed.

B) Regular Meeting – JULY 10, 2019 – Virginia Keith made a motion to adopt the minutes; Amelia Kellner seconded; no further discussion; vote 4/0; motion passed.

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

A) Borough of Danielson Zoning Regulations Section 585 “Agriculture” – review of “draft changes”

Ann-Marie gave an update on the Regulations – they were passed at the last Planning Zoning Commission meeting.

Frank and others requested that they be sent an electronic copy of the regulations for their records.

Ann-Marie to send out those copies.

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

A) Continue discussion regarding survey questions, etc.

Everyone reviewed and okayed the survey questions, there was some minor discussion.

Commission members requested that the staff draft a cover letter for review next month.

Commission members requested that staff provide a link to the online survey.

Also requested that “you were selected because your land is designated at PA 490” or something to that effect.

Should provide a space for the responders’ email and for their name. Don’t want anonymous responses.

If the person is actively farming would like the type of farming, name of farm, and name of farmer.

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

**A) Classes** – Amelia will do a canning class the second weekend in October; she will come in with the verified date, time and location at the September 11, 2019 meeting.

Frank made a motion to spend up to \$50.00 for the class; Virginia Keith seconded; no further discussion; motion passed.

Virginia Keith is willing to do a “growing microgreens class”; she expects it would take 1 to 1 ½ hours; she will come in with more information at the September 11, 2019 meeting.

**B) Other Events** – Westfield Winter Farmers’ Market; this will be the second year for the market; it will occur every week during November and December; and every other week from January through March.

**C) Open Space Land Acquisition Committee / Farmland Inventory** – meeting / progress report  
No meeting

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

They have water on water street; the pump was installed; and a quick lesson was given to staff and MNG members regarding the pump and the watering. MNG will have a booth at Tomato Festival. MNG is looking for volunteers.

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

This year was productive; however, the garden location may have to be moved due to the sharing of the school between Eastconn and possibly the KPRD. So, some of the ideas they had for this year are now on hold. Staff ordered the water tank for the garden, and they are happy with the way it is working.

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

The tomato festival is scheduled for Saturday, September 14, 2019. If you are volunteering at the festival, please be at Davis Park no later than 7:00 am. It was noted that Frank and staff are usually there from 6:00/6:30 am on. At present time there are approximately 22/23 craft vendors; hoping to have a full area of vendors this year.

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

Frank will work on putting out a Green News Newsletter before the Tomato Festival; that way we can publicize the festival. Frank will write about the festival; will ask Donna Bronwell (KCC) for an article; will ask MNG for an article; will ask KCG for an article as well. Marina Capraro will write an article about conservation easements; and the options one has to preserve their land for future generations.

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

David Griffiths reported the Town Council reviewed the proposed charter questions to be put on the ballot in November; discussion regarding getting water and gas up to the new high school; discussed the transfer of funds to the Open Space Land Acquisition Fund; discussion of solar installations on various town buildings.

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

Nothing.

**X. Next Meeting** – Regular Meeting – **SEPTEMBER 11, 2019** – review/discussion/action

**XI. Adjournment**

Virginia Keith made a motion to adjourn; Frank Anastasio seconded; and the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.