



<u>Killingly Agriculture Commission</u> <u>WEDNESDAY-September 8, 2021</u>

Regular Meeting 7:00 pm MEETING MINUTES

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I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 by Byron Martin.

Roll Call – Byron Martin, Frank Anastasio, Amelia Kellner, Kristie Wallis, and Sharon George (late due to technical difficulties).

Staff – Allison Brady (Natural Resources Officer) and Jonathan Blake (Zoning Enforcement Officer).

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 by 2:00 pm the day of 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 –August 11, 2021 – Kristie made the motion to approve. Amelia seconded. No further discussion. Motion was approved 4 to 0.

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

- A) Classes discussion/action Discussion about Amelia's planned for September 18 about boosting your immunity with herbs. An advertisement will be created by Allison. Kristie's class for September 19 about goats is currently being advertised. Amelia requested chairs for her class, there was a discussion about the possibility of borrowing some from the Community Center/ Parks and Rec Department.
- B) Killingly Community Garden meeting / review / discussion / action The garden is still in great shape according to staff. There has been a healthy harvest.
- **C)** Green News Newsletter progress report Frank is publishing the newsletter on September 9. He is including mention of Amelia and Kristie's upcoming classes.
- D) Tomato Festival 2021 Kristie and Sharon did a talk with WINY to advertise the Tomato Festival. Jonathan showed the map he created for the layout of the festival tents. There was a discussion about the layout and potential changes that could be good. There was discussion about the set up and preparation for the festival. 15 chairs are wanted for things such as kids crafters and possibilities of where chairs would come from was discussed.
- E) Budget Update No new expenses, same as last month.
- F) Request from KCG for Expenditure of Funds for Educational Course The KCG member who wanted to request an expenditure of funds for an education course did not show up.

VI. Town Council Liaison Report – meeting / progress report
No report.

VII. Other Items – review/discussion/action

1) Sharon discussed planning a seminar as a resource for people who are interested in agricultural businesses. Byron explained that a similar type of event had been discussed in the past but funding for larger events and seminars can be an issue. It was also discussed if a seminar would be a good idea this year due to the unpredictability of Covid. Sharon will send an email to everyone with the ideas she has.

2) The format of the meetings will be decided on a month-by-month basis.

VIII. Next Meeting – Regular Meeting – October 13, 2021 – review/discussion/action Reminder that this meeting will be virtual.

IX. Adjournment

Amelia made the motion to adjourn, and Kristie seconded. Motion approved 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.