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Killingly Agriculture Commission
WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 12, 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

Frank called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Attending; Frank Anastasio, Virginia Keith, Byron Martin; absent with notification Adam Hunt.

Also Attending: Ann-Marie Aubrey, Director of Planning and Development; Town Council Liaison Adam Griffiths; and Amelia Kellner.

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 – November 14, 2018; Byron Martin made the motion to adopt; Virginia Keith seconded the motion; there was no further discussion; vote 3 to 0; motion passed.

B) Special Meeting with PZC – November 19, 2018; Byron Martin made a motion to adopt; Frank Anastasio seconded the motion; there was no further discussion; vote 2/0/1 (Virginia Keith abstained); motion passed.

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

Commission would like to start a survey of questions and mail it out to all the people that 490 classified real estate. The Commission may discuss this further later tonight after we go through the rest of the agenda.

VI. Regulations – review / revisions / discussion / action

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

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

C) Next Workshop with PZC – **TUESDAY, January 22, 2019**

There is nothing new to report at this time.

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

A) Town Wide Charrette – **SATURDAY, January 12, 2019 at KHS Cafeteria**

9:00 am to 12:00 noontime.

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

A) Classes

Beginner's Bee Class – Byron Martin – scheduled for January 26, 2019 with rain date February 2, 2019.

Ann-Marie to place advertisements in the TB/SG on January 16th & 23rd – everything is the same as last year.

Advanced Bee Class – Byron Martin – will schedule for some time in February – Byron to pick date at next meeting.

Noted: A question on the survey should be concerned with whether the person would like to become a member of the AG COMM and/or would the person be willing to teach a class on behalf of the commission? An example was Brett McCullough, prior he did a class on how to raise chickens for the AG COMM but he is not a member of the AG COMM.

Does anyone know someone willing to do classes for the following: maple syrup; how to raise cows; growing hay?

B) Tour Des Farms

This will be discussed further in February, 2019.

C) Other Events

Agriculture Film created by Frank will be shown at the Recreation building on January 16th at 6:30 pm – Frank asked if any farmer appeared in the film that they are available to talk to people after the film. The snow date for his showing will be January 23rd at 6:30 pm.

The film will be shown at the Library during the last week of January – but no official date has been set yet.

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

Next meeting will be January 24, 2019 AT 6:30. Is there any farmland that the AG COMM would like to see preserved as open space? Is there any other land that the AG COMM would like to see preserved. Let Byron know at the next meeting so he can report back to OSLA at the end of January.

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

There is nothing new to report at this time.

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

Ann-Marie will try to get report from KCG to determine if they still want a garden coordinator, and how that worked out for them this year.

G) Tomato Festival – meeting / progress report

Frank feels there is no need to meet with this special committee until March. Ann-Marie agreed.

H) Green News Newsletter – meeting / progress report

There is nothing new to report at this time.

IX. Town Council Liaison Report – meeting / progress report

At last night's Town Council meeting Claudette Stockwell was named the new Director of the Library.

There was a discussion centered on the issues at the Animal Control Shelter at NECCOG; there are ongoing concerns and therefore, the sale of the real estate to NECCOG is currently on hold.

There will be a public hearing on January 8, 2019 regarding Joly property.

Next Tuesday, the Town Council is making its final offer to a Town Manager candidate.

X. Other items – review/discussion/action

Back to the possible survey questions regarding all the real estate listed under 490 classification.

1. Farm land – Do you own it? Lease it from a farmer? Lease it to a farmer? Or let the property go "as is".
2. Classes – Are you interested in classes? If so what type of classes? Are you willing to offer a class?
3. Farming – What type of farming are you doing? Livestock? Produce? Aquaculture?
4. Do you rent or own other properties in Killingly for farming purposes?
5. Are you interested in sitting on the AG COMM?
6. Are you willing to volunteer for the AG COMM? Tomato Festival – Farmers' Market?
7. Forest Land – Is your forestland active? – Do you lease the rights to your forestland? Is your forestland accessory to your farmland?
8. Land – Has your farmland / forestland been owned by you for over 5 yrs / 10 yrs/ 25 yrs/ 50 yrs / 100 yrs / or greater? What generation farmer are you?
9. Do you do any type of business that is accessory to your farming business? (fix tractors, hay fields for other farmers, wood working, etc.)

Let's look at a possibly putting together a digital version of the survey as well.

What type of information can we get from NRCS? Maybe they know more about our farmers and farmland, and could possibly help us.

XI. Next Meeting – Regular Meeting (Election of Officers) – **JANUARY 9, 2019** – review/discussion/action

XII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40 pm.

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