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Killingly Agriculture Commission
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2016

Regular Meeting

7:00 pm

Killingly Town Hall

172 Main Street, Killingly, CT

Room 102

MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order and Roll Call – 7:04.** Frank Anastasio, Virginia Keith, Byron Martin, Chrystal Shaw (7:19).
Absent with notice: Jim Stevens, Tina Stevens; Adam Griffiths, Council Liaison. Jonathan Blake, Eric Rumsey, Staff Liaisons.

A) Welcome and Introductions – Jonathan Blake gave a brief introduction and his background.

- 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] –

John Olenick 58 Hartford Pike, read a letter into the record an FOI Request for all records regarding 58 Hartford Pike, John Olenick, Karen Clark, social media, agendas, minutes, emails, phone messages, George Lewis, etc. He would also like to be put on the agenda next month.

George Lewis – 14 Lake Road, would like clarification of Mr. Olenick's request. Mr. Lewis submitted a petition to neighbors regarding the potential use of 58 Hartford Pike as a forest products processing outfit. He is requesting that the Commission and the Planning and Zoning Commission drive by 58 Hartford Pike and review the size of the lot, setbacks, the size of equipment, and to note distances of residences and businesses to 58 Hartford Pike.

Frank gave a brief response to both Mr. Olenick and Mr. Lewis regarding portable saw mills and wood processing.

- V. **Adoption of Minutes – review / discussion / action**

A) Regular Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2016 – VI. D) – Frank suggested to ask garden groups to be volunteers rather than ask how they (garden groups) gain members. Byron motion to approve as corrected, Virginia second, all approved.

- VI. **General Business – review / discussion / action**

A) **2017 Event Planning – Activities, ETC.**

1) Classes – Byron will hold an introduction to beekeeping January 14th, with a snow date of January 28th at the Logee's Greenhouse. Registrations will be handled by the Planning and

Zoning office (collecting email addresses of registrants) and will be relayed to Logee's. Virginia is going to hold a class in March, dates to follow. Other classes will be announced in the future.

2) Other Events – None discussed

B) **Open Space Land Acquisition Committee / Farmland Inventory** - None

C) **Mother Nature's Garden** – meeting / progress report – Chrystal gave a report on the previous meeting of Mother Nature's Garden.

D) **Killingly Community Garden** – meeting / progress report – The Community Garden group meets tomorrow. There is a woman who will be joining the group as treasurer.

E) **Tomato Festival** – meeting / progress report – Nothing to report

F) **Green News Newsletter** – meeting / progress report – Facebook posts have been "boosted" and gained 9-10 new subscribers. A new edition will be published prior to Christmas. Frank will boost the new edition on Facebook as well.

VII. Regulations – review / revisions / discussion / action

A) **Town of Killingly Zoning Regulations Section 585 "Agriculture"** – review / discussion / action – Frank recommended the commission take the next month to review the proposed regulations and report back next month. The sub-committee would like to meet again after the new year, but prior to the January 11th regular meeting of the Agriculture Commission.

B) **Borough of Danielson Zoning Regulations Section 580 "Agriculture"** – review / discussion / action
- Borough – nothing at this time.

VIII. Other Discussion Items – review / discussion / action

A) **Next Year's Meeting Schedule** – adoption – Byron motion to adopt the calendar as presented, Chrystal second, approved.

B) **State of Connecticut Farming Workshops** – There are three workshops being held in Killingly. The first is December 15th from 4-7PM, January 25th 2017 from 4-7PM, and February 11th 2017. There is no cost to attend these workshops.

IX. Next Meeting - Wednesday, January 11, 2017

X. Adjournment – Byron motion to adjourn at 7:59 PM, Virginia second, approved.