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Killingly Agriculture Commission

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 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**
Frank Anastasio; Byron Martin; Jim Stevens; Tina Stevens; Jim Burlingame
Christel Shaw, absent with notification
 - II. Agenda Addendum**
None
 - III. Public Hearings (as necessary)**
None
 - IV. Citizen 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)]
 - V. Adoption of Minutes**
August 10, 2016 – Byron Martin made a motion to approve the minutes; Jim Stevens seconded; motion was approved 5 to 0.
 - VI. Old Business**
 - A) Event Planning – review/discussion/action**
 - 1) Classes – Byron Martin willing to do a bee class sometime in January; Jim Burlingame willing to do a sheep class sometime in March; Frank Anastasio willing to do a power point presentation on making wine at home probably sometime in October – Bryon Martin will loan Frank his projector.
 - 2) Other Events –
- Note:** Motion Made by Byron Martin and seconded by Jim Stevens to allow public comment at this time to allow John Olenick to speak; motion was approved 5 to 0.

Discussion centered around sawmills – all sawmills were considered portable in the 1800's up to the 1960's. Suggested we check the regulations regarding sawmills in Litchfield County – to see what those regulations require. Issues of noise in densely populated zones – sawmills can be rather loud – noise ordinance issues.

B) Open Space Land Acquisition Committee / Farmland Inventory – No meeting in August, next meeting in September.

C) Mother Nature's Garden – No report for this meeting.

D) Killingly Community Garden – No report for this meeting.

E) Killingly Zoning Regulations Section 585 "Agriculture" and Borough of Danielson Zoning Regulations Section 580 "Agriculture" language – Nothing new to report.

F) Tomato Festival – Tomato festival went well; chili cook-off was well received but does need some minor revisions for next year; looking for another "big event" in the afternoon. The final wrap-up meeting for all areas of the Tomato Festival will take place on September 22, 2016 at 8:30 am at KPRD.

VII. New Business

A) Green News – Newsletter – Question was how can we get more people to sign up for the newsletter? Each event or class, please ask people to give their email addresses then we can send out requests for them to respond to the Green News email letter.

Does anyone else want to write an article?

VIII. Other Discussion Items

Frank is working on a photo (video) documentary regarding Killingly Agriculture. He is going to the farms to photographs and for videos. When completed the documentary will be approximately 15 to 20 minutes long.