

**MEETING MINUTES-DRAFT
AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE ROOM B
6:00 PM
TUESDAY APRIL 2, 2019**

- (1) **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm.

- (2) **Attendance:** Members Present- Ed Hall, Jennifer Kaufman(staff), Linda Painter (staff) Jude Lovdal, Stacey Stearns, Terry Wollen

- (3) **Review of Minutes:** February 5, 2019- Jude motioned to approve the minutes and Terry seconded, the minutes passed unanimously.

- (4) **Public Comment:** There were no public comments to report.

- (5) **Old Business:**

Zoning -

Linda Painter, Director of Planning and Development, shared an update on proposed changes to the Zoning Regulations as they pertain to Agriculture. Concern was expressed by the Committee regarding the use of minimum area per animal as a way to control density, noise and environmental issues. The Committee will recommend alternate approaches to address the animal density issue. Ms. Painter left the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Mansfield Grown Brochure-

Assistance obtained from Town Manager's intern to update brochure. Outbound calls and email follow ups were made. If no response was received the listing will remain the same. Minor revisions are necessary. Follow up continues with Bailey's Maple Syrup & Honey, LLC, Riverview Farm and Valley Farms LLC.

Taste of Mansfield Collaborative-

The most recent Community Dinner was well attended. Participation included State Representatives and the Town Manager.

Kathleen Paterson will include the new logo in the brochure.

Events to continue to promote include: Library, Senior Center, Walktober and Stacey will research the possibility of including a tour of Mountain Dairy.

Non-Traditional Crops Workshop-

Attended by Jude, Terry and Ed. Terry gave a quick update on Mansfield activities, as did other Town representatives. The workshop was very well

attended. Topics included growing mushrooms, hemp and small grains. Legislature is pending final approval of hemp growing in Connecticut.

Library Sustainability-

Series update will be discussed at next month's meeting. A guided tour of local chicken coops is scheduled for April 27 from 1:00- 3:00.

(6) New Business:

- Connecticut Sheep & Wool Show is schedule for April 27 in Tolland.

(7) Communications and Reports from Members: No new updates to report.

(8) Future Agendas:

- Renewal of Ag Leases/Licenses
- Zoning modifications
- New members

(9) Adjourn:

Jude moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Terry seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith Lovdal