

**MEETING MINUTES
AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE ROOM C
6:00 PM
TUESDAY AUGUST 13, 2019**

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.
2. **Attendance:** Members Present- Terry Wollen, Ed Hall, Jennifer Kaufman (staff), Jude Lovdal, Stacey Stearns, Chris Kueffner. Special Guest, Intern Alexis Meehan
3. **Review of minutes:** April 2, 2019- Terry motioned to approve the minutes and Jude seconded; the minutes passed unanimously. The June 4th meeting notes were reviewed- no quorum was present at that meeting.
4. **Public Comment:** There were no public comments to report.
5. **New Business: was moved to the beginning of the meeting so that Alexis Meehan could discuss Taste of Mansfield**
 - a. **Taste of Mansfield** –Alexis Meehan presented an update on the work that is being done regarding the Taste of Mansfield Business Hero. The group is determining the certification process and has been interviewing local businesses and local food producers. Determination of what constitutes “local” was discussed. The term “business hero” is being reassessed to better connect with food and agricultural production. In addition, Alexis discussed that for **Sustainable CT Taste of Mansfield was submitted for the buy local campaign.** - Surveys were administered three ways and over 300 responses were received.
 - b. **Mansfield Grown-Brochure** has been updated and printed. Distribution is underway to Willi Coop, Mansfield Supply, Library, UConn Visitor Center, Thompson, TriCounty, Service Center, Dog Lane, Farmer Market and Dairy Barn.
6. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Committee Membership**-2 openings on the Committee remain. Jen will follow up with one interested individual. The potential of a UConn or EO Smith student was brought up. Susan Mitchell and Diane Dorfer will be contacted for recommendations. Suggestions included nursery person, teacher, business person, community dinner attendee, Uconn or EO Smith student or someone with marketing experience.
 - b. **Upcoming Events-**

- Celebrate Agricultural- Saturday September 21 from 9:00- 3:00 at the Woodstock Fair Ground
- Walktober- nothing scheduled yet
- Multi-Town Meeting- nothing scheduled yet
- Farmers Forum- Tentatively scheduled for February; potentially at EO Smith or the Library. Will cover Zoning changes proposed, Taste of Mansfield, CSA day and an update on school system activities as related to Taste of Mansfield.

7. Communications and Reports from Members:

- a. A consultant is being brought in to complete the Zoning Regulations update process.

8. Future Agendas:

- a. Elections- to be discussed at the next meeting.
- b. Ag Lease Reports- to be reviewed for compliance.

9. Adjourn

- a. Chris made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 which was seconded by Terry.