

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Canterbury Agricultural Commission**  
**Thursday, October 25, 2012**  
**Canterbury Community Center**  
**Canterbury, CT.**

- I. Call to order:**  
Dawn Pindell called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM
- II. Roll call:**  
**Members:** Dawn Pindell, John Baldwin, Lee Wrigley, Christina Fensley  
**Guest:** John Mahan
- III. Meeting Minutes**  
Lee Wrigley moved to approve the September 27<sup>th</sup> minutes. John Baldwin seconded and the motion carried.
- IV. Opportunity for Public Comment:**  
John Mahan shared his reporting for WINY.
- V. Guest Speaker:**  
None
- VI. Old Business:**
- a. Community Farmland Preservation Program:**  
An application was forwarded to Mr. Lindell. Information from the Connecticut Weekly Agriculture Report about the CFPP was shared and discussed.
- b. Walktober:**  
Lee Wrigley highlighted the successful tour at the Tyler Farm on October 20<sup>th</sup> with 84 total participants. Appreciation was expressed to the Tyler Family for hosting the event.
- The committee discussed holding a 2013 Walktober event at Canterbury Horticulture Associates and possibly another farm in town.
- c. Tuesday Talks at the Library:**
- i. Tony Denning, Maple Leaf Farm, presented about Maple Sugaring on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - ii. 10/30 – Farm Story night with Kevin Lindell, Christina Fensley and Dawn Pindell.  
11/13 – How to Start a Business with Jett Tucker CPA LLC.
  - iii. Marian at the Library has posted advertising for the talks in the Turnpike Buyer and the Reminder. Dawn also posted and e-mailed flyers, and put the talks on several calendars.
- d. East Lyme Request:**  
East Lyme members will be coming to the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**VII. New Business:**

**a. Canterbury Fall Business Festival:**

An exhibit will be set up but may not be manned for the 10 am to 4 pm event on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.

**b. P&Z Meeting:**

John Baldwin shared information about the Canterbury P&Z meeting with highlights of the proposed information to preserve the look of land along the scenic Route 169 By-way. The group discussed impact on farms; and stable land values to borrow funds needed to operate.

**c. Agriculture Business Guide**

Dawn Pindell asked people to e-mail her suggestions to update this guide by December 1<sup>st</sup>. John Baldwin referred to page 31 and reviewed "Tax Exemptions for Farm Machinery". He noted the state has a \$100,000 exemption for farm machinery. Towns can increase this to \$200,000. He will check with the Canterbury Tax Assessor on the status of this.

**d. General Announcements:**

The AGvocate program has hired John Guskowski, AGvocate. They are meeting on Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm to work on activities, grant application and planning the AGvocate workshop to be held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November.

The Woodstock Agriculture Commission flyer was handed out inviting people to a November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting with Steven Reviczky, CT Commissioner of Agriculture, and Joan Nichols, Connecticut Farm Bureau.

**VIII. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be November 15<sup>th</sup> due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**IX. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.