

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Canterbury Agriculture Commission**  
**Thursday, October 24th, 2013**  
**Canterbury Community Center**

**I. Call to order:**

- a. Acting-Chairperson Lee Wrigley called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM
- b. Recording device was unavailable to obtain audio transcript.

**II. Roll call:**

- a. Members present: John Baldwin, Lee Wrigley, Christine Fensely, and Corrie Collins...
- b. Chairperson acknowledged that a quorum was present in order to conduct this regularly scheduled meeting, and that the agenda had been posted as required.

**III. Review of minutes from previous meeting:**

- a. Minutes of the previous meeting (Sept 26) were reviewed and discussed. Motion by Christine, seconded by Lee, to accept previous minutes as recorded and place on file. Unanimous.

**IV. Opportunity for Public Comment:**

- a. None.

**V. Old Business:**

- a. Lee and John provided report on Walktober events sponsored by the Canterbury Ag Commission. Two walks were held on October 19th, at 10 AM and 1 PM respectively. The first was held at Canterbury Horticulture on Brooklyn Road, with 30 participants lasting an hour and 45 minutes. The second walk held at Baldwin Brook Farm on Depot Road with 71 participants lasted two hours. Volunteers for next year's Walktober events in Canterbury include Wibberley Farm on Lisbon Road and McV Farm on Canterbury Road.
- b. Discussion among members regarding upcoming Regional Ag Commission Quarterly Meeting being held at the Canterbury Community Center on November 21<sup>st</sup>. This program will begin at 6:30 PM as Ag Commission meeting (special meeting schedule since time is changed) followed by an Advocate workshop "How Your Town Can Support New & Beginning Farmers" scheduled to complete at 9 PM.

**VI. New Business:**

- a. None.

**VII. Other**

- a. Christine reported on the upcoming workshop sponsored by NOFA (Northeast Organic Farmers Association of CT). Titled "Beginning Women Farmer's Program" it is designed to assist women farmers with less than 10 years experience. The 10-week program begins Saturday November 2nd, meeting weekly every Saturday (full day sessions.) The schedule consists of a 6-week classroom program conducted at Goodwin College in East Hartford, followed by 4 weekly sessions conducted at various organic farms around CT. The class for 2013 is currently full, with registration deadline in September, but the grant-funded program will be conducted

again next Fall for 2014. Point of contact for information or future registration is Deb Legge at the CT NOFA office (203-308-2584) or [deb@ctnofa.org](mailto:deb@ctnofa.org).

**VIII. Next Meeting**

a. Next official Canterbury commission meeting will be held in January (no December meeting), other than participation encouraged at the Advocate program on Thursday November 21st at 6:30 PM.

**IX. Adjournment**

a. Motion to adjourn by Lee, seconded by Chris, (unanimous.) Meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.