

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Canterbury Agriculture Commission**  
**Thursday, Sept 25th, 2014**  
**Canterbury Community Center**

**I. Call to order:**

- a. Chairperson Dawn Pindell called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM
- b. Recording device was unavailable to obtain audio transcript.

**II. Roll call:**

- a. Members present: Dawn Pindell, Lee Wrigley, Rob Tuttle, John Baldwin, Christina Fensely.
- 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 held August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 were reviewed. One correction was noted under section # VII. Motion by Lee to revise, and approve and file the minutes as amended, second by Rob. Unanimous.

**IV. Opportunity for Public Comment:**

- a. None present.

**V. Old Business:**

- a. WALKTOBER: John provided an update on preparations for the walk at the Wibberly Farm on Lisbon Road on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers to help are Christina, Dawn and Lee. Christina asked if extra T-shirts were available. John will make-up signs for parking, and post signs on Route 14 and Lisbon Road.
- b. FORESTRY PROGRAM: The commission had previously discussed and approved conducting a regional information program geared toward new farmers and landowners, in conjunction with hosting the quarterly Eastern CT Ag Commission meeting. Discussion about specifics and date. Agreed title would be "Managing Your Woodlands for Wildlife and Profit" to be held Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 PM at the Canterbury Municipal Center. John will put together a panel of forestry experts, confirm speakers, and check with Economic Development Commission for advertisement funding. John schedule the room for use, and make sure a Power Point projector is available from the library.
- c. PDR: John provided update on efforts to assist local farmer and family desiring to place approximately 250 acres in conservation easement under the state purchase of development rights program, including questions they had. Dawn provided information about the new director, Linda Petrowski, as a point of contact.
- d. EDC: Chair of Canterbury Economic Development Commission, Jet Tucker, talked with Dawn and was unable to attend tonight's meeting as desired.

**VI. New Business:**

- a. None.

## **VII. Other**

- a. **BIO-SOLIDS:** Christina provided information from the family who attended the June Ag Commission meeting regarding application of bio-solids fertilizer on crop land adjacent to their home. Christina reported the family contacted her and stated they were not satisfied with the outcome, and they consider the issue as still being open (see June 2014 minutes.) Discussion followed regarding the agreed upon actions from the June meeting, status of those actions, and involvement by CT Department of Agriculture. Unanimous agreement by all that the Canterbury Agriculture Commission has no further involvement because the issue was thoroughly investigated, reviewed and resolved with recommendations acceptable to all parties.

## **VIII. Next Meeting**

- a. Next official Canterbury Ag Commission meeting will be held October 23rd at 7 pm in the Community Center.

## **IX. Adjournment**

- a. Motion to adjourn by Christina, seconded by Lee, all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Baldwin, Secretary