

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Canterbury Agriculture Commission**  
**Thursday, May 28, 2015**  
**Canterbury Community Center**

**I. Call to order:**

- a. Chairperson Dawn Pindell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
- b. Recording device was unavailable to obtain audio transcript.

**II. Roll call:**

- a. Members present: Dawn Pindell, John Baldwin, Lee Wrigley, Rob Tuttle. Shane Donahue of the Economic Development Commission (EDC) also attended the meeting.
- 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 (April 23, 2015) were reviewed and discussed. Motion by Lee, seconded by Rob, to accept previous minutes as recorded and place on file. All in favor, motion passed.

**IV. Opportunity for Public Comment:**

- a. None.

**V. Old Business:**

- a. BROCHURES: New “Canterbury Grown” brochures are completed but not back from printer. EDC requests bill before end of June, if possible. Anticipate receipt in late-June, for distribution at 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.

- b. COMMERCIAL KITCHEN: Shane Donahue, Chairman of the Canterbury EDC, provided an update on the efforts to establish public access to the commercial kitchen located in the Canterbury Community Center. Project requires further effort in terms of procedures for use. EDC would like to schedule a joint meeting attended by representatives of the Agriculture Commission and the EDC with the town insurance agent. Date/time to be determined by EDC.

- c. WALKTOBER 2015: John provided an update on the planned event on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM – Noon. Application has been submitted to The Last Green Valley, and approved, for a 2 mile hike at the Maple Leaf Farm (Tony Denning’s property) including tour of maple syrup processing and saw mill.

- d. KILLINGLY AG EDUCATION CONSULTING COMMITTEE: (Action item from prior meeting in 2015). Dawn was nominated and approved to be the second of two representatives from Canterbury; Christina Fensely is the other rep.

- e. GROUP AGRICULTURE PRESENTATIONS: Dawn discussed the idea proposed during the last meeting of hosting informational presentations to other Canterbury organizations, such as Seniors, Historical Society, etc. Several ideas discussed. To be continued at next meeting.

**VI. New Business:**

- a. 4<sup>th</sup> JULY PARADE: Dawn will e-mail Canterbury farmers and ag producers to inform them of ability to sell products at the end of the parade (at town hall parking lot.) They must inform (register) with JoAnn Brustelon to ensure table and space available for them. Ag Commission will have a float and will have new brochures for distribution.

- b. TOWN NEWSLETTER: Dawn discussed articles submitted by the Ag Commission, and requested ideas for additional information and inputs. Several comments on what else might be included.

**VII. Other Business**

a. CT STATE BUDGET: Discussion on impact of several proposed increases in taxes and affect on farmers, such as loss of revenue source for purchase of developments rights (curtailing agriculture land conservation efforts) and imposing of new CT Veterinary Tax on services rendered (not just on house pets but also on all livestock.)

b. DROUGHT: Brief discussion on local statewide drought issues, and weather related problems.

**VIII. Next Meeting**

a. Next official Canterbury Ag Commission meeting will be held June 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Community Center.

**IX. Adjournment**

a. Motion to adjourn by Lee, seconded by Rob, (unanimous.) Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Baldwin  
Secretary