

Minutes of Nov. 17, 2021 Agribusiness Sub-committee Meeting

East Lyme High School Commons (cafeteria)

The meeting began at 6:35pm. Those in attendance were Tom Kalal, Thomas Hall, Sally Uden, Kyle Corey, Mark Christensen. There were no DELEGATIONS. The minutes from the Oct meeting were unanimously approved 5-0. The Resilient Agriculture at Home educational series was discussed. Tom K will teach a class on composting this winter, Sally will present a class on beekeeping for beginners, Mark will be responsible for a class regarding a home orchard, and another class maybe offered regarding organic vegetable gardening. Kyle offered a class on keeping backyard chickens. These are planned for Jan-April.

The mini-orchard of no more than 15 trees at Samuel Smith Property was discussed. Mark reported that we were given the ok to plant fruit trees near the upper stone wall near the beehives and walking path. We are planning on getting the trees from Dave Fairman who is affiliated with a Memorial Tree Foundation. Mark reported that the Town Public Works crew will be clearing the area, which currently has some vines and brambles.

There was nothing new on the Agricultural portion of the Sustainable CT initiative, headed by Nancy Kalal. Nancy has or will meet with Penny Heller, who is the Sustainable CT contact for E. Lyme

Tom Kalal will continue to do occasional Facebook posts on East Lyme Agriculture. We agreed to write + submit a letter to Selectman regarding our efforts regarding Agriculture for Dec Selectman meeting. The "Potluck Party for Preservationists" was discussed and tentatively planned for January. It was feared turnout could be low, due to the Covid issue. The meeting was Adjourned at 7:25pm. Submitted by M.C.

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