

Minutes of Jan 19th Agribusiness sub-committee

Meeting at E. Lyme High School Commons

- The meeting Opened at 6:37pm.
- attendees included Kyle and Samantha Corey, Nancy Kalal, Mark Christensen
- Educational efforts: Composting class by Tom K was postponed until May. Sally will handle beekeeping class, Kyle will talk about backyard chickens. Dates are being coordinated with Penny Heller of Conservation Comm.
- mini orchard at Samuel Smith House: we need to look for a different grant for trees. Memorial Tree Foundation is unable to help. We are still planning on 5 or 6 trees for planting in April.
- Sustainable CT: issues of concern for farmers. We discussed at length various issues that local farmers face, and Nancy K will compile these, along with any other ideas from local farmers and submit to Penny Heller of SustainableCT. Some of these issues are: Runoff; Groundwater quality; larger farmstands; the need for the town to work better with Agricultural enterprises; invasive species control; Land use; renting out town owned open space for hay, etc.; actively encourage use of PA 490; encourage shellfishing in local waters.
- Tom K is looking for suggestions for Facebook posting. Send pictures/info to Tom K.
- Reports: a possible new Farmer in Town at the old Tomasik property
- Adjourned at 7:20pm (4-0)

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