

Minutes of April 19, 2023 Agribusiness subcommittee

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Meeting at ELHS Cafeteria

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-Members Present: Tom + Nancy Kalal; Tom + Terri Yuhas, Jan Shenk Grosskopf; Mark Christensen

-Delegation: Penny Heller (from E. Lyme Conservation Comm.)

- meeting opened at 6:38

-Feb. + March 2023 minutes unanimously approved as submitted

-Terri and Tom Yuhas discussed educational efforts involving schools, they reviewed some programs from Cornell and elsewhere, and gave handouts. We will continue to work on ideas for future educational efforts, especially involving schools.

-It was decided that there was not enough interest from the Ag group to participate in the Memorial Parade

-Ideas for Earthfest displays were discussed. Penny H. will work on a Conservation tent, which will be next to the Agribusiness tent. High school students may participate. Sustainable Ct. ideas discussed. Nancy + Tom will set up Ag display with chickens, Tony Dilullo has volunteered to bring an observation beehive (Mark to confirm w/Tony). We may need some type of banner, Mark will get a tent for Penny. Jan can assist at 11.

-Ag Events at Samuel Smith Farmstead: Mark handed out Tractor show flyers for posting around town. Jan will try to get some mention of Tractor Show on Lee Elci's radio show.

-Ag viability progress- Jan is running into dead ends trying to track down the person who did Cost of Community Services for Colchester. It was

agreed that we would try to inform the public about the value of farmland in another fashion.

-Tom Y. handed out and will email more info on # farms in town, after checking with the Assessor's office.

-meeting adjourned 7:50pm

Submitted by Mark Christensen