

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 AGRIBUSINESS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING
AT EAST LYME HIGH SCHOOL COMMONS

Members present: Mark Christensen, Tom Kalal, Annah Perch (curator Brookside Farm Museum), Tom Yuhas, Terri Yuhas

Meeting opened at 6:40pm.

Delegates – none

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Discussion was held to determine if putting on programs at the Brookside Farm Museum was in scope for the Agribusiness Sub-Committee. The committee agreed it was in scope as part of agriculture education.

The question came up for Annah Perch as to whether the educational programming was to be period specific or current. Annah clarified it could be both. It was stated that educational programming could be provided for home schoolers as well.

Annah stated that she was going to request a list of home schoolers from the Denison Pequot Nature Center.

It was also stated that both Terri Yuhas as well as Annah Perch were taking forestry stewardship classes online. This was to be considered for future educational opportunities. A brief discussion on PA 490 was held.

Discussion was held on potential grant opportunities for development of the forest at the Brookside Farm Museum. The town planner was mentioned as a good place to start with questions on this. Annah also mentioned that she was in discussions with Yale Architecture regarding renovating the barn.

Discussions were held on what zoning the Brookside Farm Museum was under and the committee mentioned that they may need to request a special use permit and insurance for animals. It was stated that the farm may start with just chickens.

Past Events

None discussed

Upcoming Events:

End of The Harvest Event – will have an apple press and cooking display.

Other:

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Discussion was held on the upcoming referendum regarding the potential town purchase of East Lyme Land Trust Properties known as; Brainard Road, Oswegatchie Hills, and Hathaway Farms.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Yuhas
Secretary, East Lyme Agribusiness sub-committee