

Oxford Agricultural Commission

Meeting Minutes - June 20, 2017

Bob (203) 888-7100

Call to Order: 7:11pm

Roll Call: Ed, Lexi, Robin, Bob Audience of Citizens: Kathy O'Neil Correspondence: None

Minutes Read: No revisions Commissioner's Reports: None Old/Unfinished Business:

Farmers Market

The farm stand will be held again at Center School starting July 1st. Bob will fill out the necessary Health Department permits.

Children's Garden @ Great Oak School

Two rows of double beds were installed and filled with top soil along with the outside rows. Another truck load of top soil is expected soon to continued constructing boxes.

Ed dropped off vegetable plants that were left over from Nonnewaug High School and placed them on the tennis court.

Bob reported that Principal Hibbert gave names for the teachers that will be helping for the garden. They are Mike Guidone and Stephane Ott. The principal said it will start as a after school club. Discussion continued regarding the original plan of including the garden into the 6th grade curriculum.

Kathy O'Neil discussed the process of the grant for the Child's Garden. She has been looking for alternate prices for the items that will be stored in the shed. Prices will be discounted with donations. She is also looking into estimates for the gate and fence. The fence work will need to be delayed until the delivery of the shed. By the end of July the garden has to be established so we can reapply for the grant. Bob plans of an 8'x 12' fence with heavy gauge steel fence. He is expecting the quote soon.

The waterline is waiting for the installation on a meter before it is operational.

Robin recommended planting annual pollinator plants to fill the beds with little maintenance.

Ag Fair: Put on hold

New Business:

August 23rd. The Farm Bureau will be presenting a talk at the Town Hall sponsored by the Ag **Advisory Board**

Upcoming Events

Next meeting will be July 18th

Adjournment: At 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Ed Belinsky

