

MANSFIELD AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE
DRAFT Minutes of December 2, 2014 meeting
Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building, Conference Room B, 7:30 p.m.

1. Chairman Cyr called the meeting to order at 7:35.

Present: Al Cyr, Charlie Galgowski, Vicky Wetherell, Shep Stearns, Kathleen Paterson.

2. The committee approved the minutes of the November 4, 2014 meeting.

Old Business

3. *Mansfield Tomorrow* The committee will review relevant items in the proposed Town Plan of Conservation and Development at their January/February meetings as part of the public hearing process. Review of the UConn Master Plan is planned for the January 6 meeting. If necessary, a special meeting on January 8 at 7:00 will be scheduled for further work on the two plans.

4. *Joint Meeting with Regional AgComms.* The meeting on November 6 at CLiCK with AgComm members from Ashford and Windham included touring CLiCK and sharing activities and plans in each town. A future meeting to discuss cooperative projects was planned for the spring. The Mansfield committee decided to invite the regional committees/commissions to their April 7 regular meeting.

New Business

5. *Winter Farmers Meeting* This meeting is scheduled for March 11. The committee plans to discuss the following items with the farmers: promotion of local farms, such as a new brochure or web site update, as well as a Farm to Table event.

6. *Farm to Table Event* The committee decided to promote this Ct. Dept. of Agriculture event with a small number of local restaurants as a pilot project. A subcommittee was formed to prepare a draft plan to discuss at the committee's March 3 meeting and then present to farmers at the March 11 meeting.

7. *Mansfield Agriculture Brochure* The committee discussed possible alternatives to printing a new brochure. Further discussion was tabled to the January 3 meeting.

8. *Future Agendas*

January: Review UConn Master Plan (comments due by January 16). Town Plan (comments due in February)

February: Plan Winter Farmer's Meeting (March 11)

Review farm lease reports, Agriculture brochure update

9. The meeting adjourned at 8:40. Next meeting will be on January 7, 2014.