

**TOWN OF CHATHAM**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

☐ **COMMITTEE: Chatham Agricultural Partnership**

☐ **MEETING CHAIR: Henry Corsun**

☐ **DATE: 2-02-2021**

☐ **TIME: 7:00 PM**

☐ **LOCATION: via Zoom**

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☐ **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Donna Staron, Henry Corsun, Tom Crowell, Willy Denner, Courtney McDonnell, Mary Gail Biebel, Donal Collins, Gail Day, Eric Ooms**

☐ **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Clark**

☐ **OTHERS PRESENT: Abi Mesick**

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☐ **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by Henry Corsun

☐ **APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES:** Motion to approve the February 2020 meeting minutes as written, made by M.G. Biebel, seconded by C. McDonnell, all in favor, motion carried

☐ **GUEST SPEAKER/PRESENTATION:** N/A

☐ **AGENDA/DISCUSSIONS:**

1. Updated and reviewed status of 2020 discussions (comprehensive plan, survey, farm inventory). Reviewed local and national events between February 2020 meeting and present time including COVID restrictions and shut down of CAP planned work. Decided to keep farm inventory current and discussed definition of farm/s. Board members volunteered to maintain inventory, gather maps, and consult town appraiser.

2. Discussed Chatham farmer's market and their plans to look at Crellin Park as possible new location. CAP supports the market in whatever is the best place for vendors and shoppers. CAP is not involved in the decision, nor does it play a role in the farmer's market.

3. Discussed draft of solar law including CAP's role in advising the town board. Members volunteered to educate themselves on solar plan and issues.
  
4. Discussion of CAP priorities for 2021. Members volunteered for committees including: communications, farm inventory, Farm Film Festival, farm tour, and definition of CAP mission and context.
  
5. Reported that the Farm Film Festival will be virtual in Spring of 2021. Organized and promoted by CAP. Festival was virtual in spring of 2020 due to COVID restrictions.
  
6. Reported that the Chatham Area Farm Tour will resume in September of 2021. Organized and promoted by CAP. Tour was cancelled in September of 2020 due to COVID restrictions.
  
7. CAP website has been updated and redesigned by Sue Trevellyan. At no cost to CAP or the town.
  
8. CAP members will educate themselves on Community Preservation Fund.

**NEXT MEETING:** 3/2/202 @ 7:00 PM @ Virtual

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM by Henry Corsun

Respectfully Submitted By,

*Courtney McDonnell*  
(Name)

*2/22/21*  
(Date)