

Charlestown Agricultural Preservation Committee

Wednesday October 18, 2023

Regular Open Meeting / Town Hall

4540 South County Trail

Charlestown, RI 02813

7:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order by President Noel Rowe at 7:00 PM
2. Roll Call: Present Noel Rowe, Mike Merner, John & Sue Barrett, and Jane Durning.
3. Review and approval of Minutes of July 12, 20023. The meeting minutes were corrected #2, Roll call Paula Orsini had been omitted as a guest at the meeting. Once this was corrected the minutes were approved by Mike Merner and seconded by Sue Barrett. Amended minutes were submitted to Noel on 10/22/23.
4. Old Business: Status of commercial solar statute: No changes as of this meeting date.
5. New Business: We further discussed the information regarding the proposed "Charlestown Farm Tour 2024" which was proposed by members of the Economic Improvement Council in July. Upon going over the current list of farms listed under Farm Forest Open Space from the Tax accessor's office, we have determined that there may only be possibly 10 farms who may be interested in participating in this event. Paula Orsini was hoping for a larger participation, but we are not sure we have the numbers of commercial farms here in town. While we do have a multitude of farms, most are subsistence farms. We discussed that each of us will personally contact those that we know to see what kind of response we can get. We will then report back to Paula at the EIC by Jan 1 with a firm commitment. Then they can determine if this is a viable event.
6. Public Comments and additional business: No comments
7. Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn by Sue Barrett and seconded by all present.
8:30pm