

ENFIELD AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY JANUARY 14, 2020

A Regular Meeting of the Enfield Agricultural Commission was called to order by Chair Karen LaPlante in the Enfield Town Hall, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 @ 7:05 PM

ROLL CALL

Kathy Vose took the roll.

Present - Chair LaPlante, Commissioner Cote, Commissioner Dynia, Commissioner Vose, and Commissioner McGuire,

Also present: Karen Timpone – Recording secretary

Absent – Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall, Commissioner Wyzga, Commissioner Sacerdote and Commissioner Doyle.

Approval of Minutes - A motion to accept the minutes of December 10, 2019 was made by Commissioner Vose, seconded by Michael Dynia - No discussion - 5/0/0.

Public Participation – None

Multi Town Summit –

Chair LaPlante reported there was a meeting held the prior week and they are on target for the February 29, 2020 summit at Asnuntuck. Speakers are confirmed. A schedule set up – doors open at 8:15 for registration, continental breakfast starts at 8:30 - 8:45 to 9:30 is the keynote speaker, Joan Nichols. There will be four rooms with four sessions in each room – First session is at 9:40. Each session will run 45 minutes with 10 minutes between each session - 1st 9:40 to 10:25 – 2nd 10:35 to 11:20, 3rd 11:30 to 12:15 and 4th is 12:25 to 1:10. One room is strictly Hemp – 1 - growing Hemp, what was learned from 2019 season - 2 - DOA application process – 3 - Crop up date with DOA and - 4 - panel of the Hemp growers plus all presenters for a roundtable.

1st sessions Beekeeping - Grants with Jamie Smith from DOA - Farm for Resiliency, - Improving your soils health – Emily Cole from the American Farmland Trust. .

2nd sessions - Social media – Meat regulations – Climate Change impacts and adaptation strategies for Connecticut Agriculture by Kip Kolesinskas.

3rd session – Hemp, Pollinating with Kim Stoner from Connecticut Agriculture Experiment Station, Raising backyard poultry – Mike Pennington from the Connecticut Poultry Association, Farmland Access – Will Omara from The Land for Good.

4th session – Panel of Hemp Growers, Hydroponics from UCONN, Farm Regulations and Permits Laurie Whitten and Lisa Houlihan, Is your Farm covered? Protecting your assets, Lyons and Wright Insurance Company.

Chair LaPlante is asking the Commissioners who are volunteering to be there at 8 am.

Sponsors –

Shop Rite is sponsoring the Continental Breakfast

\$ 250 - UCONN Extension

\$ 250 - Department of Agriculture

\$ 500 - Farm Credit

\$ 100 - Peoples United Bank

Chair LaPlante would like to do a mailing with some of the sponsor money

Tolland County is having a Farmer Breakfast at the Ag Center and flyers with the information for the Summit will be available.

The next Summit meeting is February 12, 2020 @ 3:30 which will be the last one

Unfinished Business -

Farms and Farmland Preservation – No update – Chair LaPlante will see if she can find in the Audit Report from Finance if there is a line for The Farmland Preservation Fund.

Correspondence / All Commissioners & Staff – None

Next Meeting Date - Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Adjournment – A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Cote, seconded by Commissioner Dynia
– No discussion -

The meeting was adjourned @ 7:25 PM