

ENFIELD AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday February 11, 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, February 11, 2020 @ 7:12 PM

ROLL CALL

Kathy Vose took the roll.

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

Also present: Karen Timpone – Recording secretary

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

Approval of Minutes - A motion to accept minutes of January 14, 2020 was made by Commissioner Dynia, seconded by Commissioner McGuire. No discussion – 4/0/1 – Abstention by Commissioner Sacerdote.

Public Participation – None.

Multi Town Summit – Chair LaPlante reported on the summit. It is scheduled for February 29, 2020. Registration forms have been sent out. All emails have been sent out. A revised list for farms in Hartford and Tolland County has been done also and sent out in the regular mail. It has been publicized in The Enfield Press, The Current Community, and on Facebook. There is another (update) meeting tomorrow. Chair LaPlante asked volunteers to be there at 8am, doors open at 8:15am. Chair LaPlante would like to keep track of who attended what classes with their comments. They will discuss making cards at the meeting tomorrow which will be helpful for next year's planning.

Unfinished Business -

Farms and Farmland Preservation – Still no update on this. Chair LaPlante pulled out the Cooperative Letter of Agreement with the State and the Resolution authorizing the Town Manager to Enter into the agreement. She is still looking for where the money is and especially where the donations that were made into the fund are. The EAC was told it would be a separate Committed Farms Preservation Program Fund which is the reason the EAC was formed. The Commission would like to find out about this.

Correspondence / All Commissioners & Staff – Chair LaPlante reported the American Farmland Trust is having their National Conference on May 6 – 7, 2020 in Washington, D.C. She passed around the information. Chair LaPlante got an email from Joe Courtney regarding helping the State Agricultural Industry, the dairy farmers, and paving the way forward for Hemp farming in the US.

Next Meeting Date - Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Adjournment – A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Vose seconded by Commissioner Dynia. The meeting was adjourned @ 7:31 PM